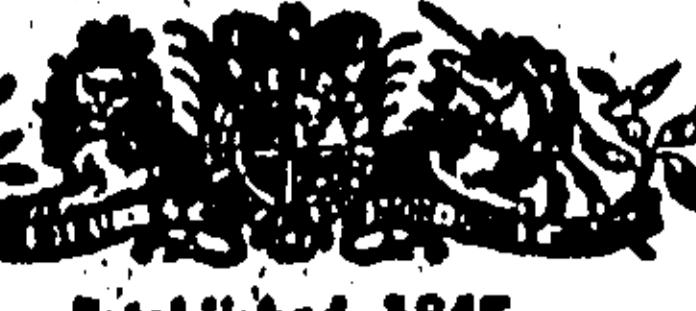




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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Too Quickly?

THE announcement that Singapore is to be given virtually full self-government next year will be received with mixed feelings. Many in Hongkong view events there with misgivings and believe the so-called "merdeka" process has been accomplished a little too quickly. Perhaps we in this Colony are inclined to be too security-conscious but having watched the hesitant progress of British colonial policy in various parts of the world in the postwar years, caution is perhaps justified — or excusable — and although Mr Lim, the Singapore Chief Minister, enjoys more respect than his predecessor, there must be doubts about his ability to control the forces that periodically challenge authority.

It may be argued the British Government has more confidence in Mr Lim, since it has entrusted him with almost full internal authority, but Mr Lim is not going to be Premier permanently and there is no knowing how serious the threat of subversion will be once Britain hands over control of the city. Also Britain demonstrates its reservations; it still retains one or two strings.

THE provision upon which Britain has insisted, entitling it to suspend the constitution if necessary, is of course a wise safeguard, but it is to be hoped it will never have to be used. Having said this much it may appear contradictory if another "safeguard" demanded by Britain comes in for criticism. This is the ban on "subversive" persons contesting the elections.

What is the point of it? When Mr Lim told Mr Lennox Boyd he could not accept it, he was told Singapore could decide its own policy after the first elections. So what does Britain hope to achieve? What the ban does, apart from embarrassing Mr Lim in a campaign in which the word "democracy" is bound to be an important issue, is to conceal the extent of electoral support for the so-called "subversive" candidates and give an entirely false picture of political contentment afterwards.

If Britain's confidence in the Colony is so shaky, why did it go as far as it did? A wiser course might have been to suffer a little unpopularity and to have held on to control of internal security a little longer.

Settlement Of Suez Canal Dispute: EGYPT MUST ABIDE BY UN Only Solution To Problem, Says Premier

London, Apr. 12. British Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, said today that there could be no "final or satisfactory solution" of the "long term problem" of the Suez Canal issue, "except upon the basis of the six principles unanimously approved by the Security Council."

Macmillan added: "Nor will any permanent confidence be created among the users of the Canal until an Egyptian Government accepts these principles."

Speaking at a Conservative Party meeting in Glasgow, the Prime Minister said the finances for the maintenance and development of the Canal could only be secured "by the active co-operation of the principal users."

"Any Egyptian Government, therefore, that looks to the future would be wise to win

the confidence of its customers," he said.

The Prime Minister said that Britain's interim policy with regard to the Canal "must be a matter for joint consultation and consideration, not for the interests of Egypt, but for the advantage and benefit of our selves and our friends."

He added: "In any case, no decisions have been nor can be reached until we hear further news of the progress of the negotiations in Cairo."

He thus indirectly denied reports current earlier today that the British Government had advised British ship owners to use the Canal and pay transit fees to it. Egyptian authorities

Speaking of the Middle East problem as a whole, the Prime Minister said: "The problem that confronts us all in the immediate future is to create in the Middle East something like the degree of stability and balance that we have at least temporarily reached in Europe and the Far East."

DISARMAMENT

In a reference to disarmament, Macmillan said that any agreement on this subject would have to cover both traditional and new weapons.

"Any other course would leave Europe and the free world at the mercy of the Soviet power," he said.

He added: "But do not let us despair. We shall work hard for comprehensive disarmament. We are also anxious to try to find some effective way of limiting nuclear tests."

Macmillan said he was very satisfied with the results of his talks with President Eisenhower in Bermuda. Speaking of Anglo-American relations, he said: "There must from time to time be differences of emphasis and approach to different problems, but I am convinced that, in our broad policies and purposes, we are as one."

The sources said that if the current Cairo negotiations between Egypt and the United States on management of the Canal broke down, a full meeting of the Suez Council was likely to take place in London at once.

Conclusion of the Cairo talks is now thought here to be imminent.—Reuter.

Canal Users Review Prospects

London, Apr. 12. The six-nation executive group of the Suez Canal Users Association (Scua) met here today to review current prospects of an agreement with Egypt on management of the Canal, usually well-informed quarters said here today.

Members of the executive group of the 15-nation Users Association are the United States, France, Britain, Norway, Italy and Persia.

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Moscow, Apr. 12. Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, today received the British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Patrick Reilly, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported. No further details were given.—China Mail Special.

141 RESCUED IN FERRY DISASTER: 50 MISSING

Tokyo, Apr. 12. More than 80 passengers were listed dead and missing today when a Japanese ferry boat ran aground and sank in the Inland Sea Southwestern Japan.

The national police said a search was continuing for the 50 missing persons. Thirty-one bodies were recovered while 141 passengers had been rescued, the police said.

The police said the 40-ton steamer, the Kitagawa Maru, carrying more than twice its registered passenger capacity, capsized soon after striking a sandbank in dense fog.

A ship nearby rushed to the rescue and plucked up the survivors.

The Kitagawa Maru was ferrying more than 200 people from Setoda to Onomichi, both towns in Hiroshima prefecture on the Inland Sea.—Reuter.

Big Roundup Of Argentine Communists

Buenos Aires, Apr. 12. A total of 370 members of the Communist Party were arrested by the police during last night and today throughout the country, a Federal police communiqué stated today.

Fifty-six Communist headquarters were closed down the communiqué added.

Among those reported to have been arrested was the Chilean Communist poet and Stalin Peace Prize winner, Pablo Neruda. Former Peronist leaders were also reported to have been arrested. These reports were so far unconfirmed.

The police communiqué said that "Communists had been working intensively throughout the country against the state," adding that the names of those arrested would be published later.—France Presse.

BOMBER CRASHES

Brussels, Apr. 12. A Navy Neptune patrol bomber crashed and burned on takeoff at Brussels naval air station today. Five crewmen were believed killed.—United Press.

NEW ATTEMPT TO FORM GOVT

Amman, Apr. 12. KING Hussein today consulted K. more political leaders in his attempts to find a new government which, officials said, would include all political parties except leftists and Communists.

The chief of the Royal Cabinet, Bahjat Talhouni, said the King was expected to ask one of two men who called at

SOVIET WARNINGS STRENGTHEN NATO 'Preposterous Threats'

Paris, Apr. 12. General Lauris Norstad, Supreme Commander of North Atlantic Treaty forces in Europe, said today that recent Soviet warnings to Scandinavian countries on the danger of allowing atomic bases on their territory were "preposterous threats."

Answering questions at a background briefing for correspondents at his headquarters, the American General said:

"I derive great reassurance and great confidence from the very firm attitude taken by these countries in rejecting the preposterous threats."

Added To Strength

General Norstad said: "Almost every time since 1951 that there has been an important step or indication of any increased strength of Nato, the Russians have added to our strength by threatening our people."

Answering another question, General Norstad said he believed that Nato forces which required them should be equipped with the means of delivering the so-called "new" weapons—most of which could have conventional or nuclear warheads.

"Therefore, these forces must be trained in the tactics and techniques involved in the use of these weapons—conventional as well as nuclear," he said.

In reply to another question, General Norstad said he was of the opinion that there would not be a "chain reaction" in Nato countries to the British defense cuts.

Asked if the same number of men would be needed in the

Allied defence "shield" of troops in Europe in view of the importance of missiles, the Allied commander replied:

A Tragedy

"Unless we eliminate the functions of the shield—which, I think would be a tragedy of the first order—I do not see that there is going to be any vast reduction in manpower requirements."

"We will require manpower, in my opinion, to meet the requirements of the shield even in 1965."—Reuter.

RED CIRCUS BANNED

Jakarta, Apr. 12. An army commander, "to keep law and order" in Jakarta, has banned performances of the Russian circus, plagued by troubles from the outset of its Indonesian goodwill tour.

The Indonesian committee organising the tour protested against the action of Lieut-Col Sutoli, commander of the 13th Regiment, saying it hurt Indonesia's relations with foreign nations.

The Colonel said the Russian circus performances were "forbidden" in the revolutionary capital of Jogjakarta, "not on political grounds, but exclusively to maintain peace and order."—United Press.

PRIME MINISTER THREE TIMES

Said Mufti's Government resigned in December 1955 after demonstrations followed his talks with General Sir Gerald Templer, British Chief of the Imperial General Staff, about proposals that Jordan should join the Baghdad Pact.

The King's first choice as Prime Minister, Dr Hussein Fahri Khalidi, failed to find a team.—Reuter.

Paper Condemns US Government Over Suicide

Washington, Apr. 12. The Baltimore Sun said today that the Legislative and Executive branches of the United States Government ought urgently to give new assurances to Canada "against the slipshod policy and irresponsible act" out of which had developed the suicide of Mr Herbert Norman, Canadian Ambassador to Cairo.

In a leading article, the newspaper said: "Americans regret the series of execrably bad judgments which resulted in the Norman case and its culmination in the Canadian diplomat's suicide and the Canadian Government's protest."

"We are in the presence of a chain of mischance in which deliberate malice does not seem to have played a part," the Sun said.

"There was no way to alter the basic constitutional arrangements by which the American Executive and Congress must continue to collaborate and exchange information."

"What can be done, and what urgently ought to be done, is for the Executive and Legislative branches of the American Government to offer new assurances against the slipshod policy and irresponsible acts out of which the Norman case developed," the Sun declared.—China Mail Special.

Journalist Sentenced To 3 Months

Washington, Apr. 12. American journalist, William Price, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined \$500 today for having refused to answer a Senate investigating committee which asked whether he was a member of the Communist Party.

Price, 41, told the court that sentenced him, that when questioned by the Senate Committee, he had not wished to invoke the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, which permits any citizen of the United States to refuse to answer a question that might incriminate him.

The Fifth Amendment has been invoked by many witnesses questioned by congressional committees.

Price said he had simply refused to admit that the Senate Committee had the right to interfere in "my political beliefs, or religious beliefs or any other personal or private affairs"—France Presse.

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IS EGYPT STILL AT WAR?

Israel Wants Answer

New York, Apr. 12. Israel today again pressed Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General, to know whether Egypt still regards herself as being at war with the Jewish state.

Mr Abba Eban, Israeli permanent representative, and Mr Mordechai Kidron, deputy representative, conferred with Mr Hammarskjold in this and other matters for about 45 minutes.

Mr Eban told correspondents afterwards that the "central theme for us, at all times, is the necessity to clarify Egypt's attitude on the problem of belligerency."

OTHER PROBLEMS

Mr Hammarskjold asked President Nasser directly in Cairo during his mission there whether the Egyptian Government claimed belligerent rights. Mr Eban said so far no reply had been received.

"We again emphasised our hope that there will be a speedy answer," he said.

The Suez Canal issue and other problems also were discussed at the meeting, which was at the Israeli delegation's request. Mr Eban added.

He said they touched on last night's Saudi Arabian threats to refuse freedom of passage to Israeli shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba.

"But, that does not affect us," Mr Eban declared. "We are using and intend to use, as other powers are using, the right of innocent passage."

"Our determination in that respect is utterly unaffected by any of these statements (from the Saudi Arabia)."

PEACEFUL RIGHTS

"We will continue to exercise our legitimate peaceful rights as we are doing."

Mr Eban then again stressed the importance which his government attached to the belligerency issue, saying that this was the priority question "in chronology and in logic."—Reuter.

ANNIVERSARY OF FDR'S DEATH

Hyde Park, NY, Apr. 12. The 12th anniversary of the death of late President Franklin D. Roosevelt was marked today by a simple ceremony here.

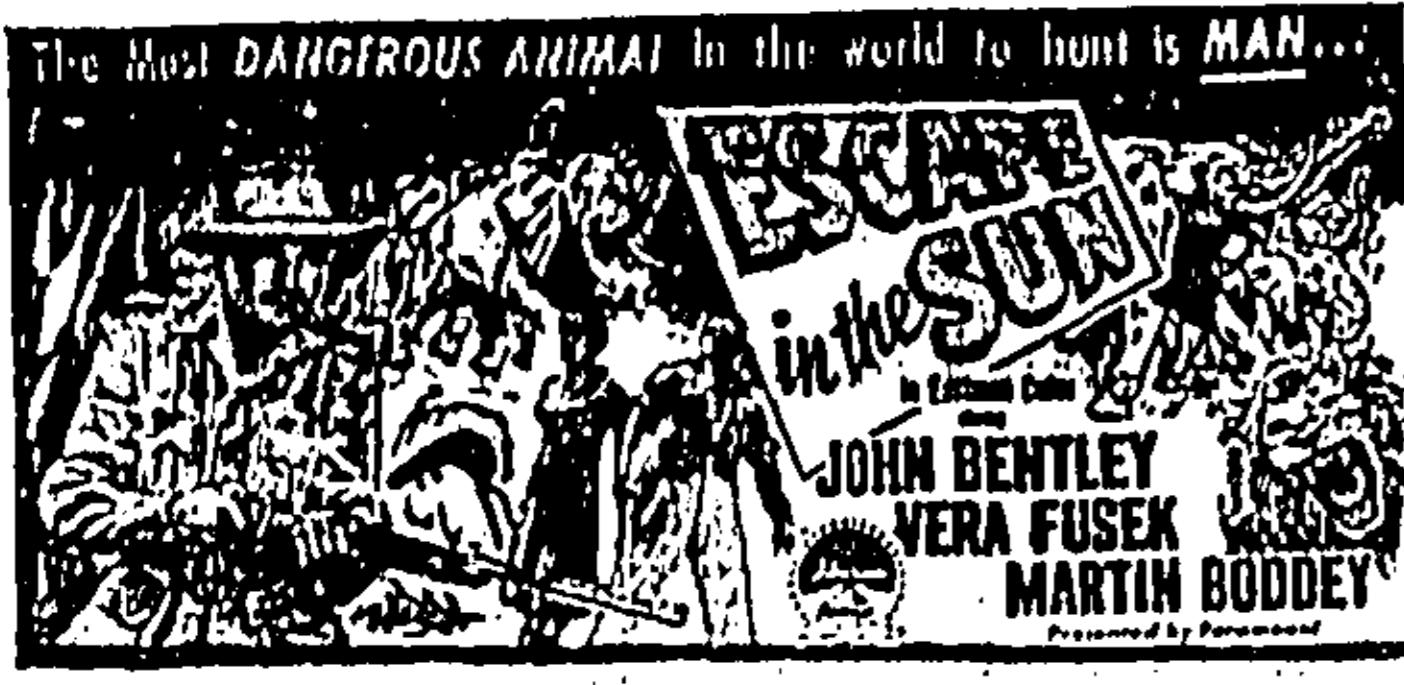
A number of wreaths were placed on the grave in the rose garden of the Roosevelt Hyde Park estate.

Mr Franklin D. Roosevelt, the late President's widow, stood silent as the wreaths were placed one by one on his resting place.

There were no speeches.—China Mail Special.

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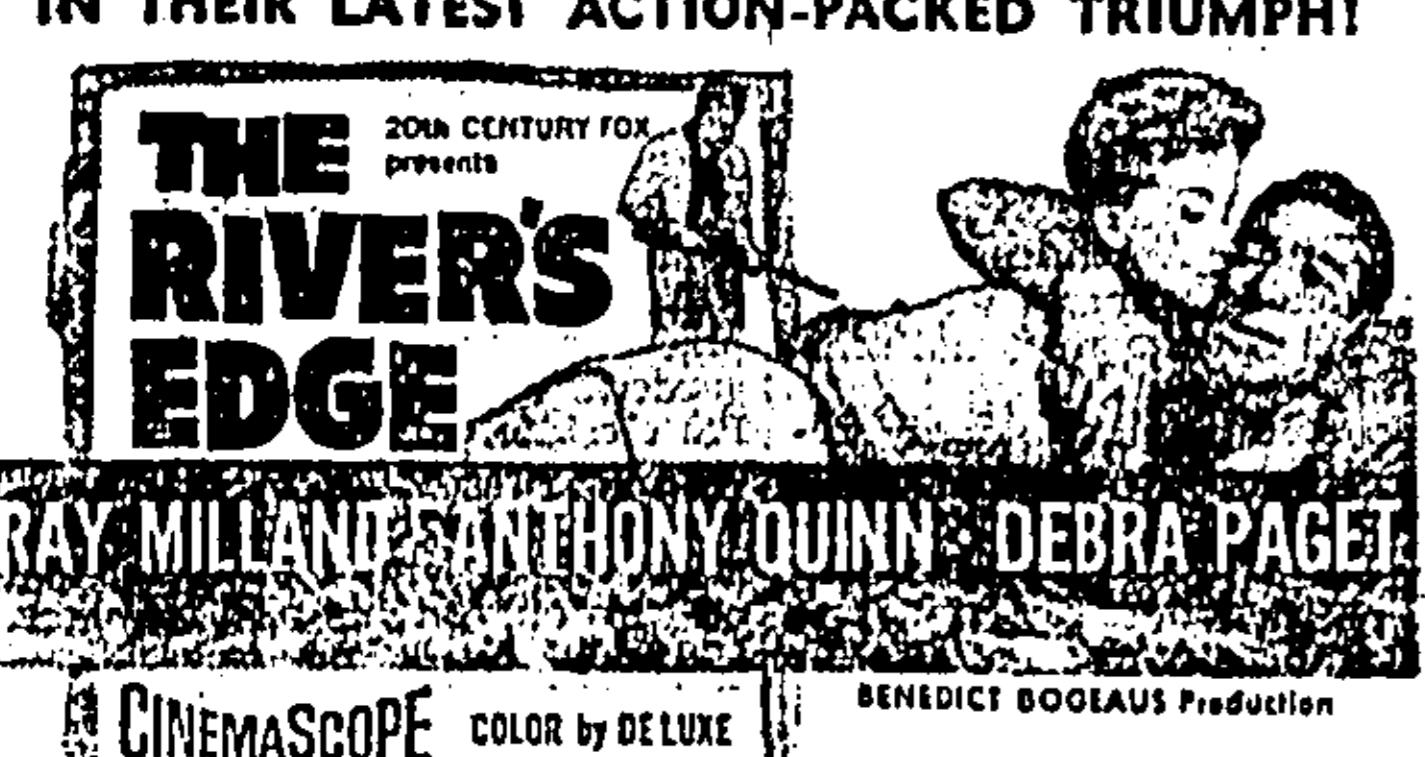
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**FILMS**

BY JANE ROBERTS

There have been some last-minute changes of schedule in the cinema world this week, due to sudden drop in business of films that were scheduled to run for at least another few days.

A picture that came off too soon, in my opinion was "Tiger in the Smoke" and as I'm certain that public opinion will call for it to come back again, it is among the reviews of films showing at the moment.

"Friendly Persuasion" continues to attract audiences and it's an indication that the trend of taste is towards the gentler type of film rather than the blood and thunder with which we've had a touch of.

"Zarak" is still showing, but it is now more or less this is the time to plan to be taken seriously.

British Thriller**Tiger In The Smoke:**

"Tiger in the Smoke" is a British thriller and a very good one at that.

By the way, I've got the title exchanged for my travel companion with London. "Smoke" is the slang term for England's capital city and the tiger referred to is the villain who prowls his way through the fog-bound streets.

Right from the start this picture grips and holds. A band of weary ex-service musicians are wending their way through the gloomy streets as dispirited and downhearted as only fog can make them, fortunate and unfortunate alike. Their dejection is almost a tangible thing and although not the happiest exhibition to watch, prepares the audience for the sinister scenes to follow.

If there is a fault with the picture it is the wishy-washiness of hero Donald Sinden. He is usually such a competent actor that it is surprising to see him looking as though he were being put in the shade by newcomer Tony Wright—the villain of the piece.

Sad to say this is exactly what has happened and he would be well advised to stay away from this scene-stealer in the future. Wright, although the son of an actor, has had a very varied life and only a small part of it has been spent in the acting profession.

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A scene from 'The Opposite Sex'.

he was discovered by a British producer. Still a young man, all this unknown during his formative years explains why he can make a very crass actor like Donald Sinden look unsure of himself. That and a native brawn as that surprisingly comes over in a likable way when, as in "Tiger in the Smoke", he is playing the part of an unscrupulous killer.

Briefly, the film is concerned with the attempt of a young war widow—Muriel Pavlow—to discover if her husband is really dead. New evidence has come to light leading her to think it at may not be. Tony Wright is the bigger in the woodpile and the poor girl has to go through a great deal of torment before the facts are proved beyond all doubt.

Watch out for an excellent performance by Laurence Naismith as Canon Avril. He has the difficult part of a truly good man which he makes convincing without the character ever becoming smug.

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is not only seen this time, but in the role of a Broadway producer the seven production numbers fall logically into place, adding interest to what might have been a somewhat involved and lengthy story.

The two principal male stars are Leslie Nielsen and Jeff Richards, but the acting honours on the men's side go to Sam Levene, who can always be counted on for a good performance and Jim Backus—the father of James Dean in "Rebel Without A Cause".

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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

Dog Comes 'Off The Wagon'**Tiger Has First Beer In A Year**

Devon. TIGER, a 10-stone bull mastiff, trotted out of court the other day without a stain on his character, then went home to celebrate with a tankard of beer—his first since the vet put him "on the wagon" a year ago for health reasons.

Home to Tiger is the 640-year-old Old Cob Inn at Dartington, Devon, which is owned by Mr Sam Mearing.

Tiger is famous in drinking circles throughout Devonshire and beyond for his bar-room tricks.

FAVOURITE BREW

Tricks like picking out from three tankards full of beer the one which contains his favourite brew—best bitter. Tricks like guessing in which hand a biscuit is hidden.

It was these tricks of Tiger's which indirectly led him and his master to the county court at Totnes, where 42-year-old Torquay butcher Mr Robert Williams claimed £400 damages from Mr Mearing.

Mr Williams claimed that Tiger attacked him and injured his face badly when he tried to shake hands with him. And in support of his allegations Mr Williams' counsel, Mr Raymond Stock, read an affidavit signed by Hollywood film star Forrest Tucker, who claimed that he too had been savaged by Tiger.

But Mr Mearing and his wife Betty denied that Tiger ever attacked anybody.

TRUE VERSION

Then the judge decided this was a true version of what happened to Mr. S. M. Mearing, star Tucker and Mr. Williams.

"Tucker, a giant of a man," said the judge, "was excited by the dog's successful tricks and embraced the dog with both hands around his jowl and lifted him up."

"Naturally," said the judge, "the dog struggled to get free, his paws came up and slightly scratched Mr. Tucker's neck."

When Mr Williams visited the inn he tried the guessing game on Tiger but did not give him his reward.

Then, pretending to offer the dog a pasty, he crouched down, holding one end of the pasty in his mouth with his face near Tiger's.

Mr Williams lost his balance and toppled forward. The dog grabbed at the pasty and accidentally bit Mr Williams.

And calling Tiger "a very docile dog—an exemplary dog," the judge dismissed the claim.

Small Businessman

Dublin. Landlord Alfred Farrel objected in Portarlington Court, County Leix, to paying the County Council's demand for taxes on one of his houses.

He protested that his tenant, Joseph Murphy, who was paying him threepence a week rent for the house, had sub-let it to the Council for eighteen pence a week.—United Press.

NEAPOLITANS WANT TO OPERATE RICKSHAWS... But Officials Say: 'Social Degradation'

A question as to whether or not operating a rickshaw is a "social degradation" here has more or less developed into an important issue these days.

It all comes up because the city authorities have decided to gradually eliminate horse-drawn cabs from circulation and when licences expire, several from time to time will not be renewed. So a group of hefty Neapolitan vetturini carrozza drivers, who will be shortly unemployed, plan to operate a kind of rickshaw along some of the coastal and historical attractions in order to earn a living.

While apparently there are no Italian laws against such a form of public conveyance, or any municipal regulations covering this enterprise, the project nevertheless appears to have snagged on official objections, including obstacles of "traffic hindrance" and "public opinion".

But the vetturini group are still fighting to carry on with their idea and have started a publicity campaign to convince the people of its merits.

Mortifying Occupation

"It's just a few officials who think pulling a rickshaw is a mortifying occupation," says the leader of the group, a big-shouldered vetturino called Don Luigi. "But it's as decent and honest a job as being a luggage porter or bootblack. We are not human horses. We've made small light carriages with the possibility of attaching scooter motors for doing most of the heavy work."

Don Luigi believes that there is no vehicle to compare for sight-seeing tours than a carriage which is drawn by a horse or a man. He reckons there is some

SUNK

Sydney. Nobody on USS O'Bannon ever makes a slighting reference to the humble potato.

The reason: Potatoes saved O'Bannon from being sunk by a Japanese submarine off Guadalcanal the spring of 1943.

When O'Bannon, senior destroyer of the US 28th Squadron, arrived at Sydney from Pearl Harbour, the crew told this story.

O'Bannon forced the submarine to the surface with depth charges.

But the submarine surfaced only a few feet from O'Bannon and it was impossible for the destroyer to bring her in guns to bear.

Japanese sailors rushed out of the conning tower and began firing at the destroyer with small arms.

TORPEDO

As they fired the submarine began turning, so that it could fire a torpedo at the destroyer.

Then there was a shout from a petty officer as he kicked a barrel on the destroyer's deck. The barrel rolled across the deck, throwing potatoes in all directions.

At once everyone, including officers, began throwing the potatoes at the submarine.

The Japanese thought the potatoes were hand grenades, and rushed back into the submarine.

By then O'Bannon had moved back far enough to use her guns, and the submarine was sent to the bottom.

To prove this story officers pointed to a plaque on the ship.

Written on the plaque were the words: "For their ingenuity in using our proud potato to sink a Jap submarine in the spring of 1943."

Presented by the potato growers of the State of Maine.

TEETOTALLERS

Isla de Ichna. Vengeful burglars emptied seven thousand gallons of precious Ichna wine into the drain after they failed to find any money in the wine cellar of Pasquale Castiglione.

—United Press.

And a potato did it!

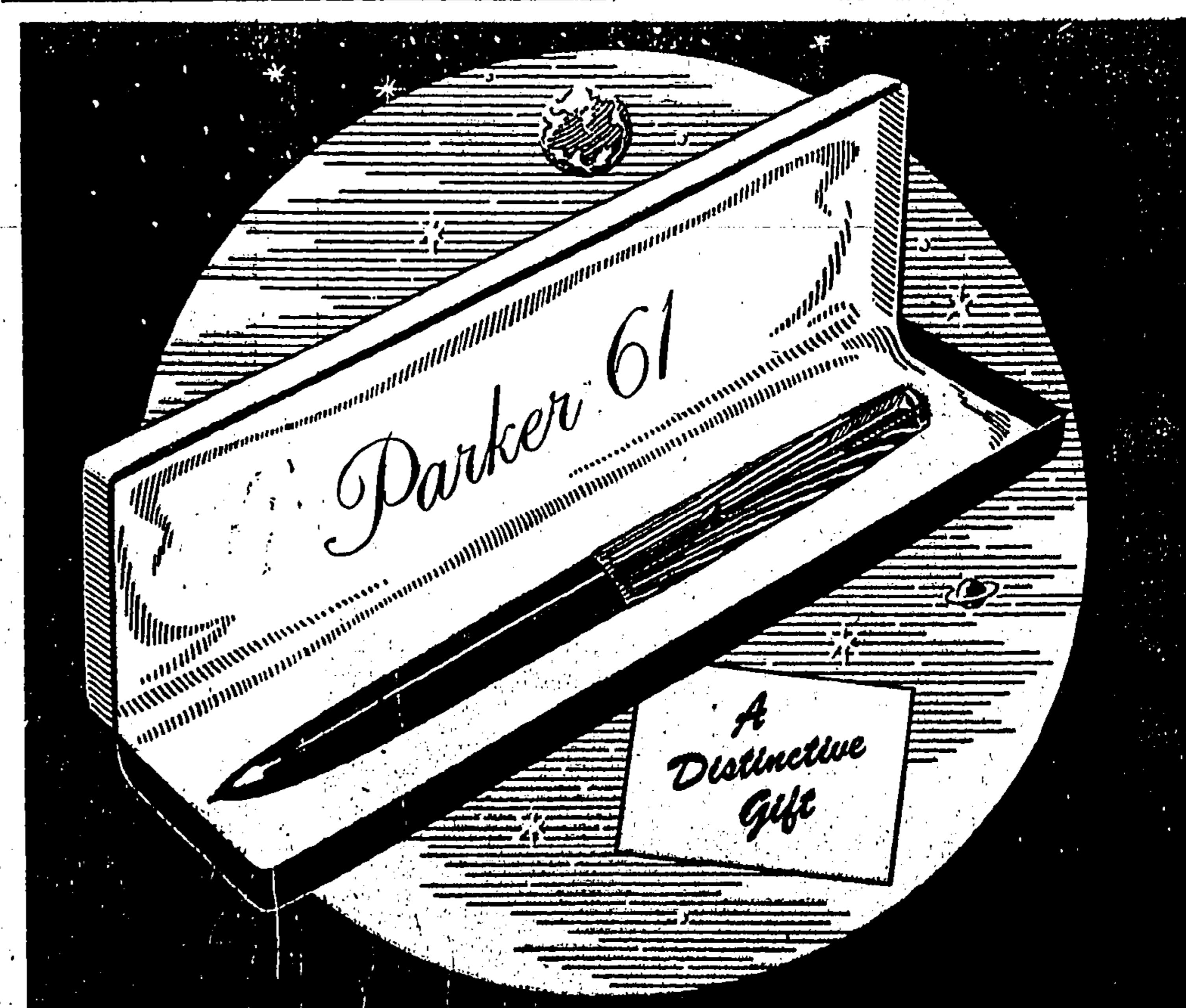
**Bombed Out Tower To Stay In Ruin**

Berlin. West Berlin will keep its famous landmark, the bombed-out steeple of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Memorial Church, at the end of Kurfuerstendamm, the City's Broadway.

The Church today revoked last week's decision to have the picturesque Church ruin broken down to make room for a new modernistic church building.

The decision followed a storm of protest from Berliners of all walks of life who in thousands of phone calls and letters to local papers asked to keep the war-torn tower as a memorial.

The church said it plans to retain the old steeple and build a new church next to it.—United Press.

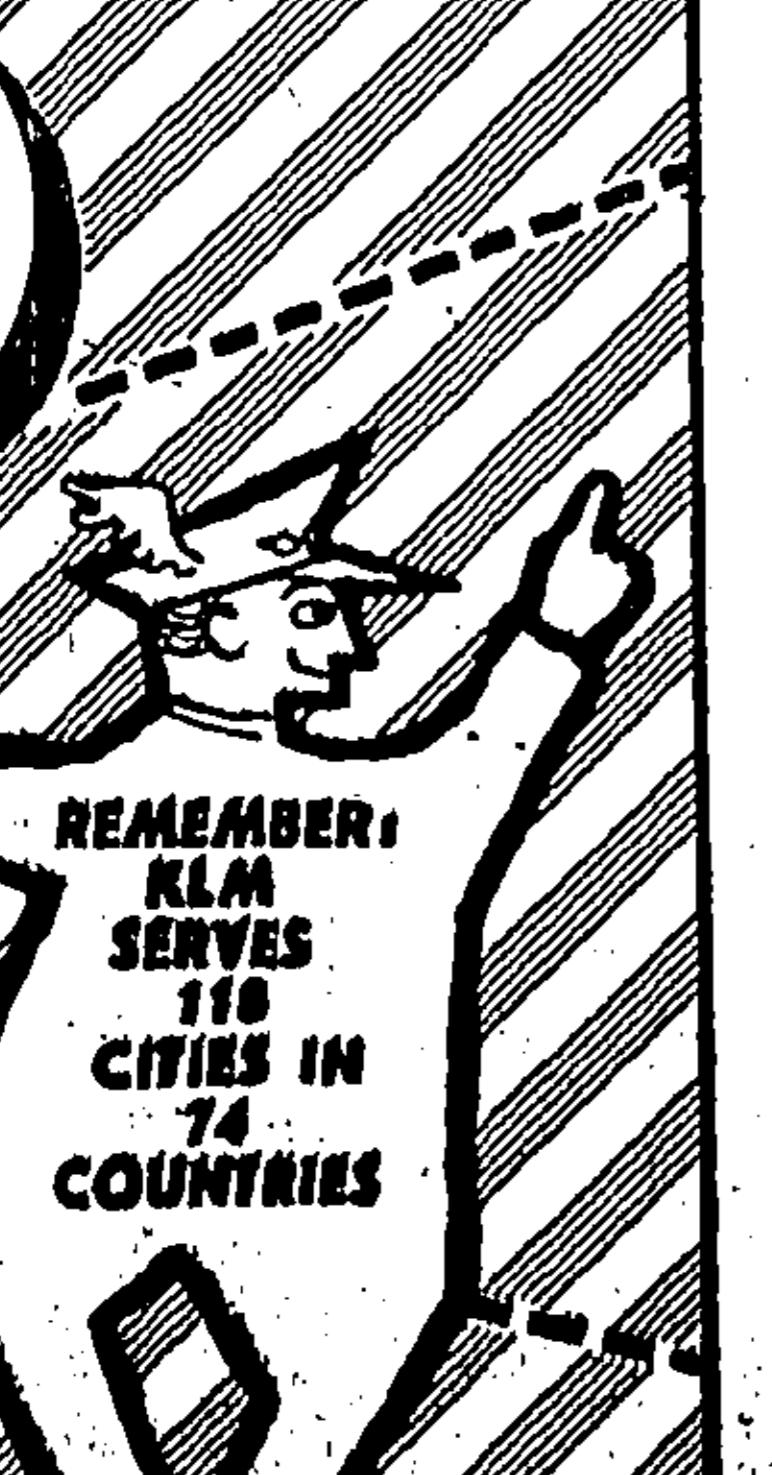
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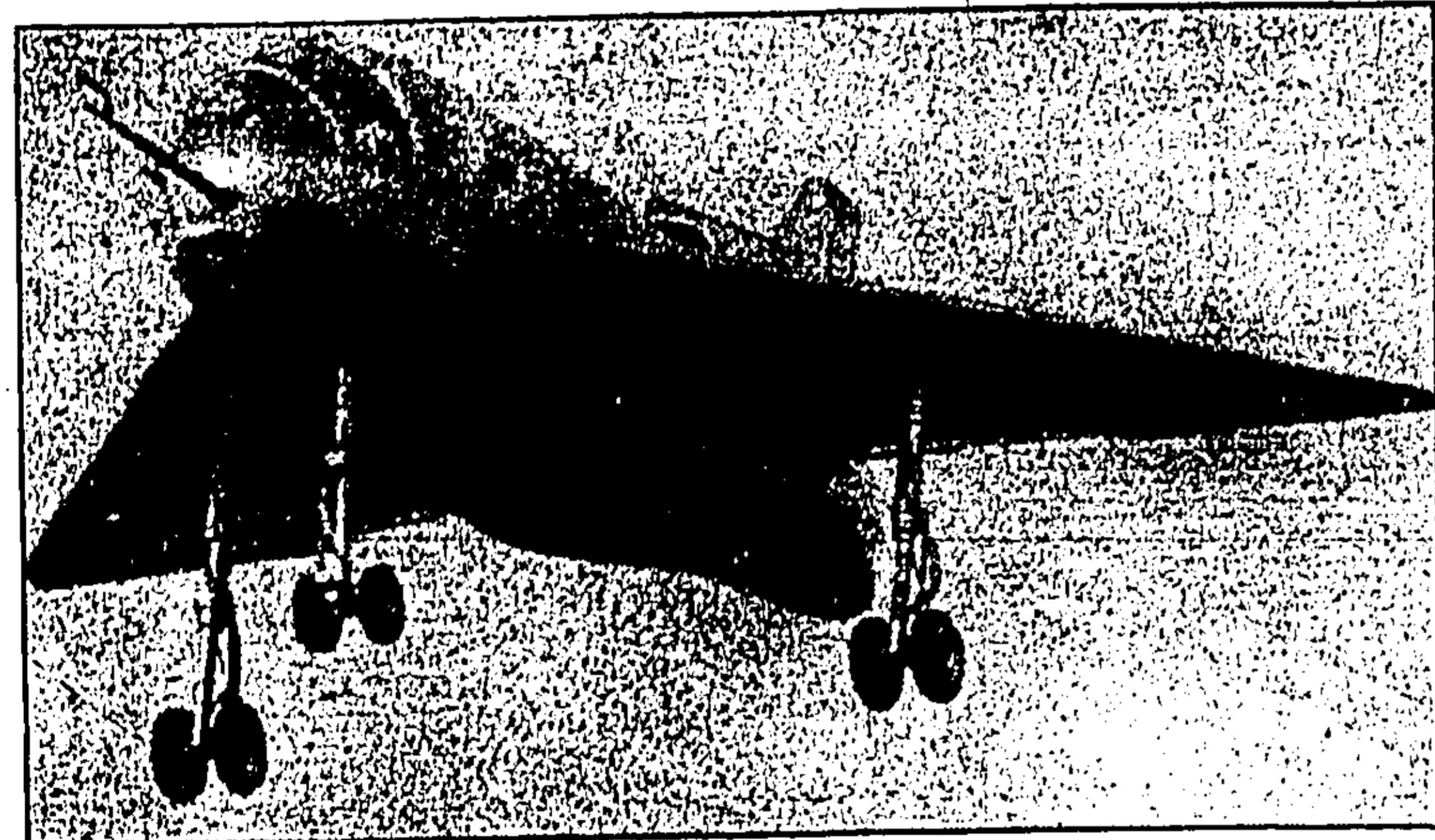


HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



THIS is what a girl looks like when she is told "You are going to have quads." Odds against such a thing are 512,000 to 1. But then her husband, Peter Philip of Kingswood, is a bookie. (Express)

RIGHT AND BELOW: Britain's first vertical take-off plane on a proving flight — being proved horizontally first. She's the Short SC1—a sort of jet helicopter that pushes instead of hangs. (Express)



OFF to ride on the Romney Railway—world's smallest public train, and probably the most honoured. Prince Charles and Princess Anne rode the footplate of the tiny engine while their father Prince Philip shovelled coal. (Express)

ANOTHER Obolensky makes a try—but this time it is only life, not Rugby. The 34-year-old Princess Mady is trying for the £250,000 estate of her naturalised American father, a Californian paper manufacturer. Princess Mady is a Swedish choreographer for British films living in a Chelsea basement flat and married to a Russian who lives in Italy—a truly international family. (Express)

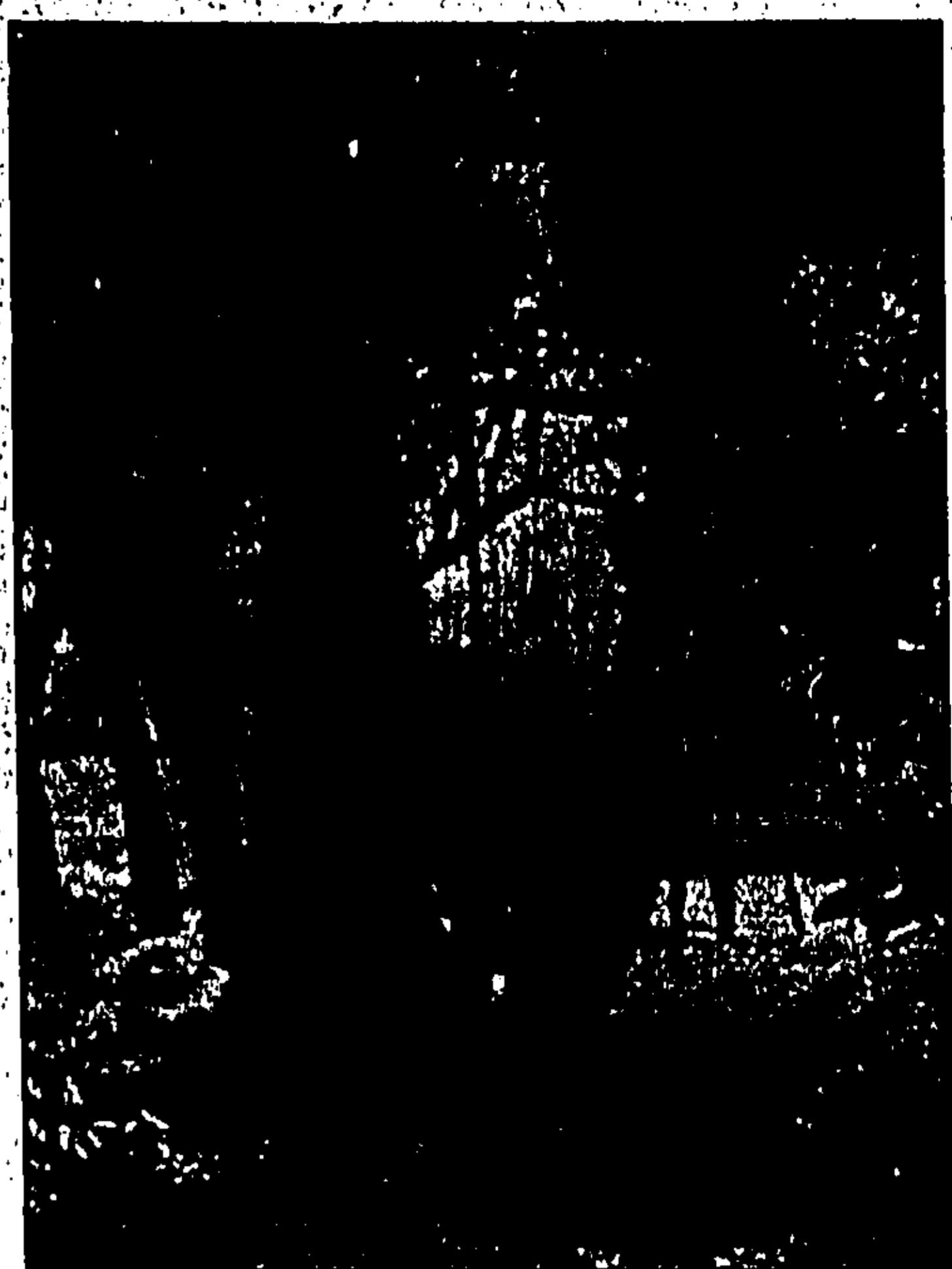


BABES IN THE WOOD:
Prince Charles pushes
the swing for Princess
Anne in the grounds of
New House, Menham,
where the Queen and her
family spent the weekend
with Lord and Lady
Brabourne. (Express)

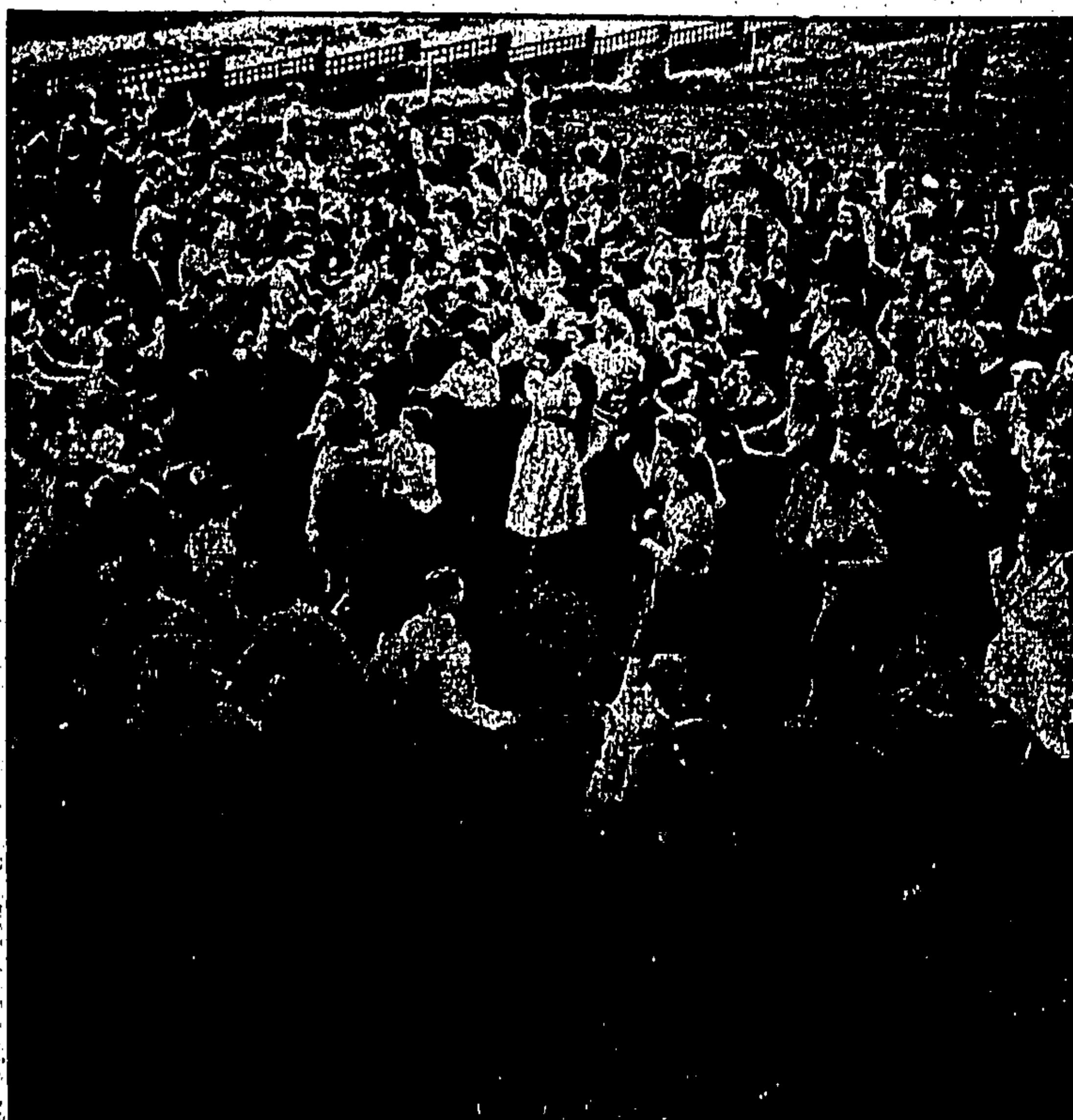
LUCKY SCOTS!

Scots Guardsmen (LEFT)
put a lot of work into
dancing "a la mor o' the
Clyde" before their visit to
Paris with the Queen.
(Army News)

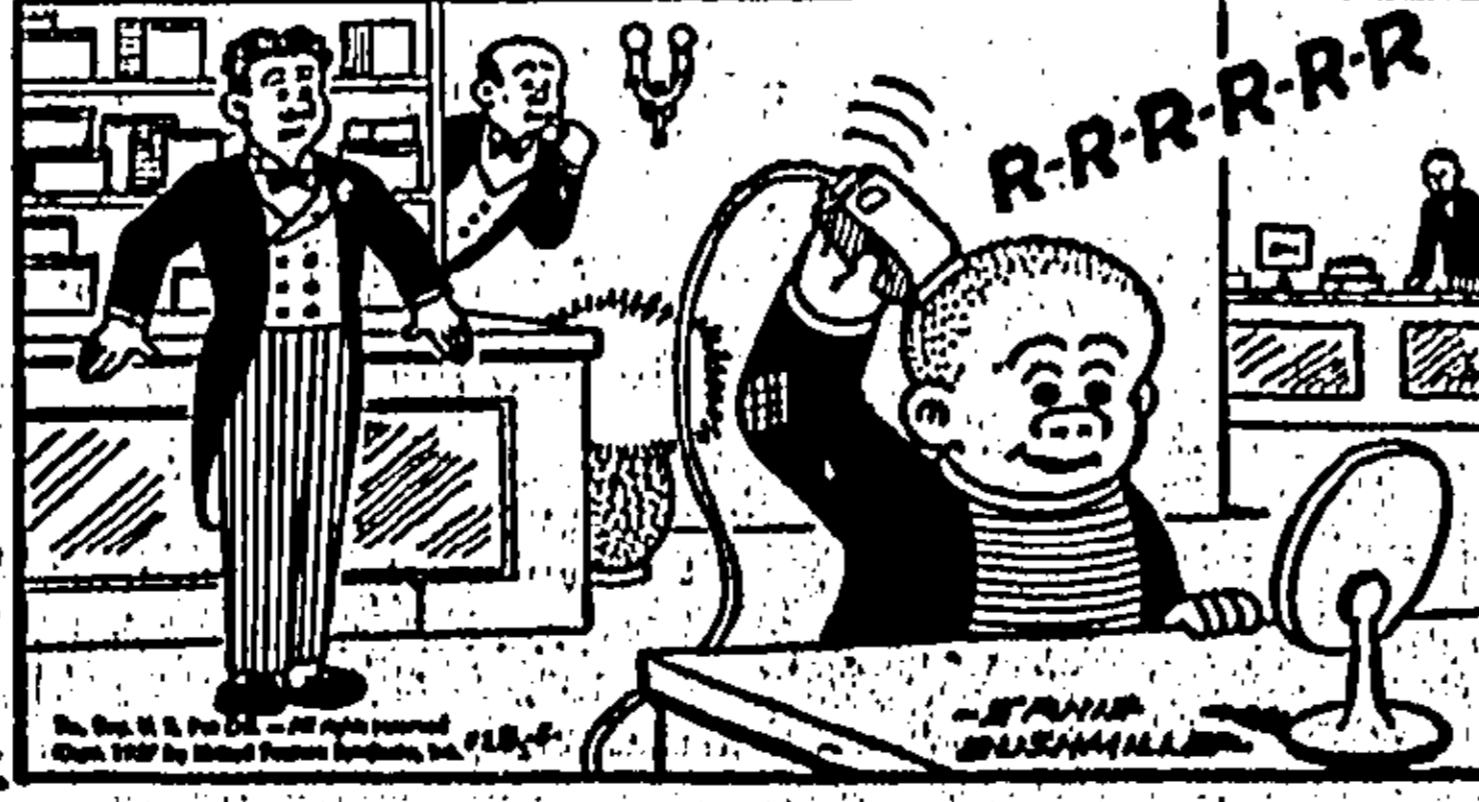
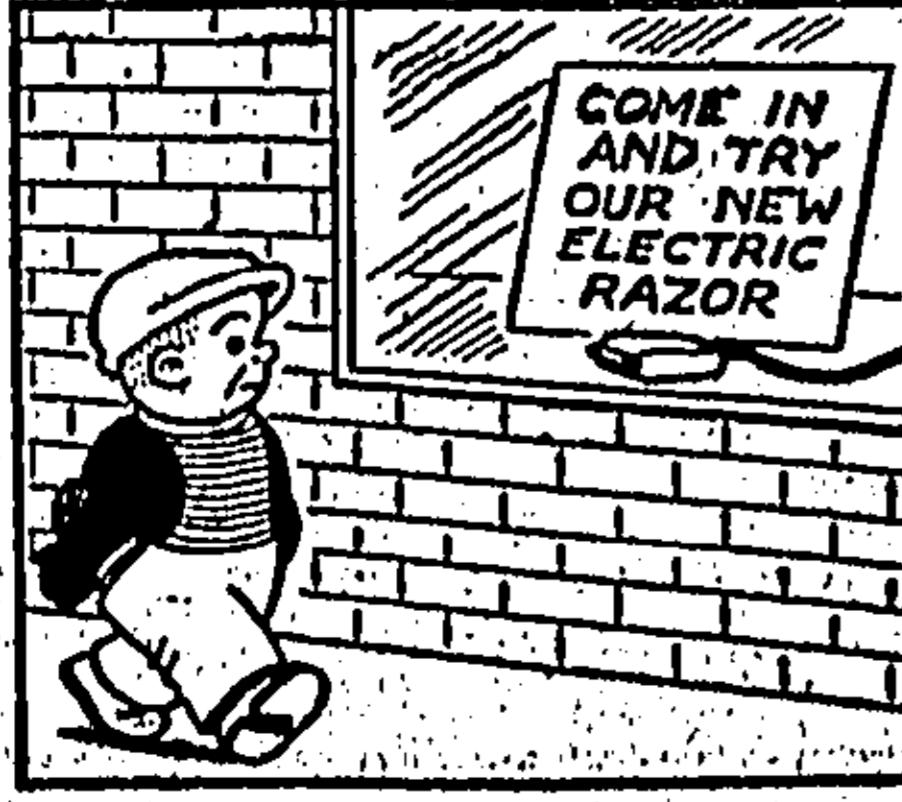
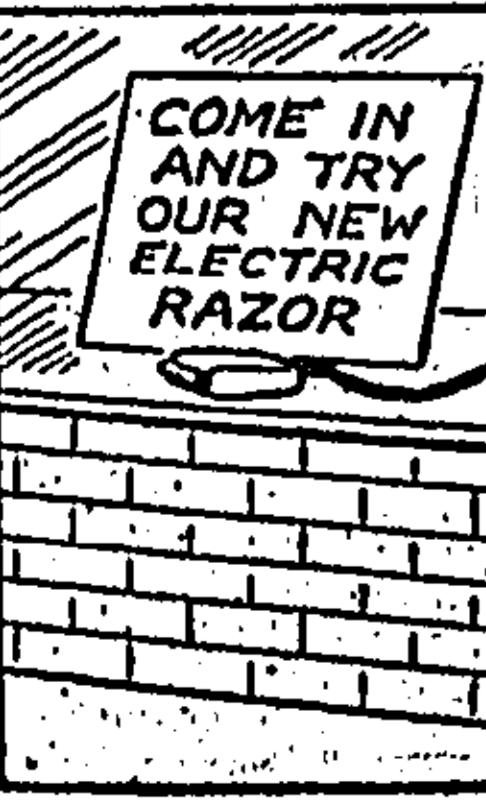
But (BELOW) they weren't
the only kids in the swing.
In London too pipers were
ordered for the French Film
Festival festivities—and
kisses from Martine Carol
were just part of the piper's
pay. (Express)



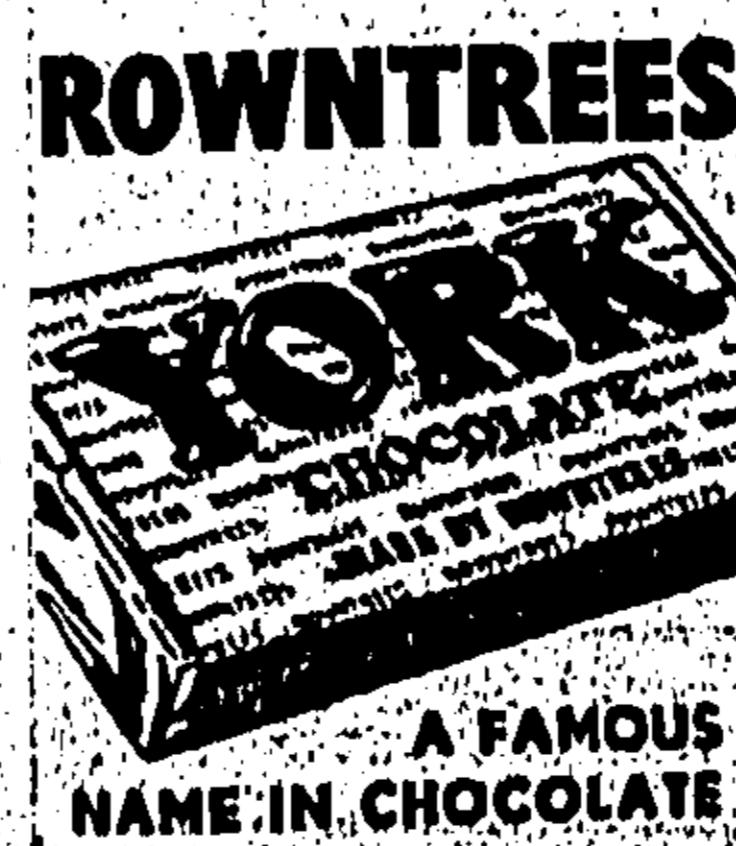
In Spring a young Englishman's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of income-tax exemption. If he gets hitched before April 5 (end of the fiscal year) he claims exemption for the first £240 of his wages, as a married man for the whole past year. In one Brighton Hotel 350 couples claiming income-tax rebates seem to be mixing pleasure with their business. (Express)

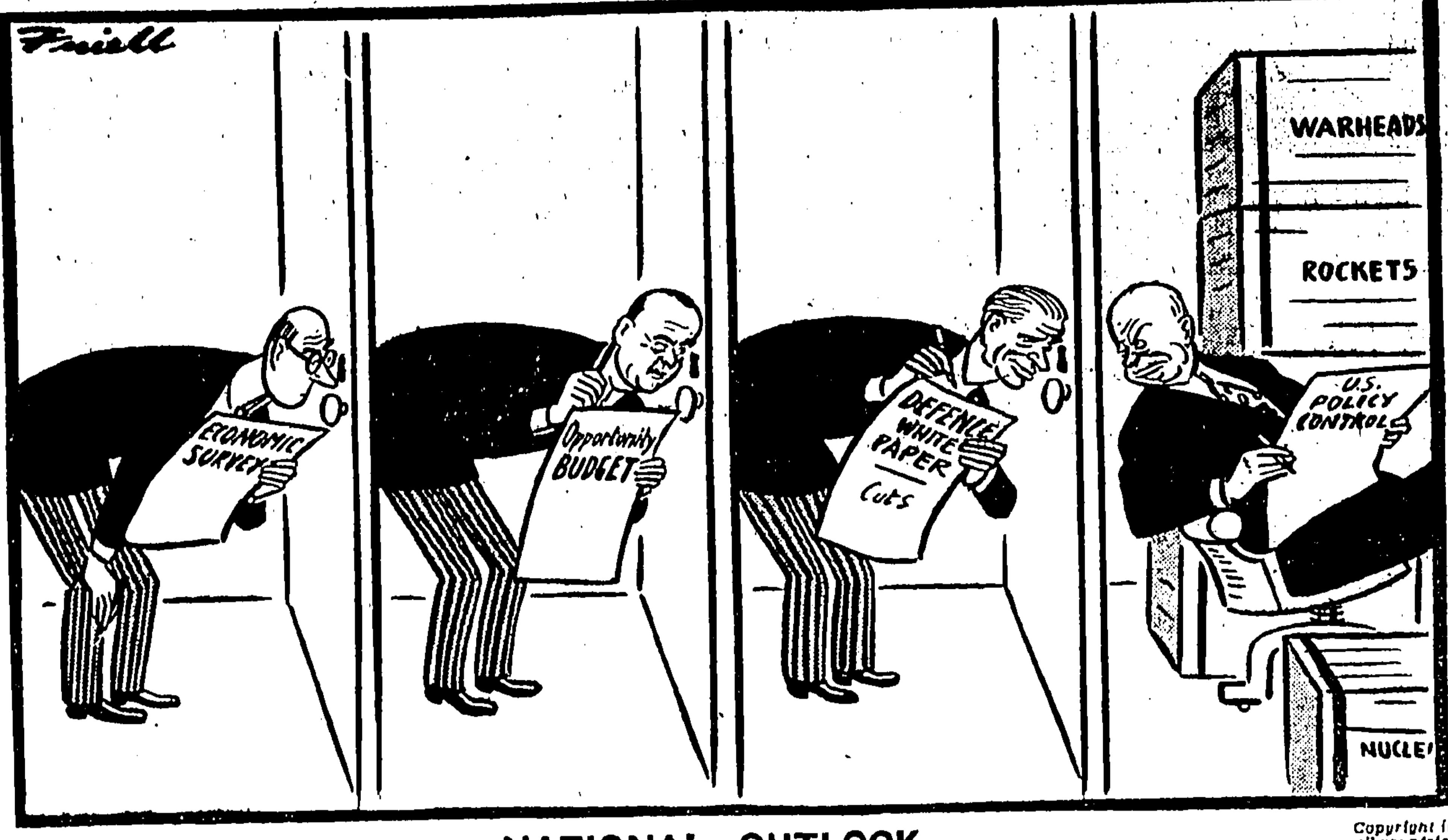


NANCY



By E. Bushmiller





NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Intelligence Report

BUSINESS LUNACY!

SUPPOSE you owned an up-and-coming business, already worth £100 million, and that your relatives had almost a world monopoly on the main raw material you used.

What would you say to the idea of taking into partnership 16 foreigners with practically no assets and some of whom cannot be trusted?

You would say it was madness. Yet that is the

proposition which is being quietly initiated on your behalf here in Paris this week.

SACRIFICE

THE £100 MILLION is the sacrifice you made in tax so that British scientists, working with no outside help, could discover the secrets of harnessing atomic energy.

THE BUSINESS they have built up is the atomic-electricity generating industry on which the Government is banking to restore Britain's prosperity.

THE RAW MATERIAL is uranium.

YOUR RELATIVES who own almost all of it are the Cana-

dians, Australians, South Africans, and other Empire nations.

THE FOREIGNERS are the Germans, Italians, Greeks, Austrians, and the 12 other nations belonging to O.E.E.C.—the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

Supporters of the scheme to tie-up Britain economically with Europe are determined to include atomic power in their plans.

THE KNOW-HOW

SO 400 scientist engineers, and industrialists—with names like Kurt Sauerwein, Otto Dahl, Bruno Fuchs, and Leonard Korsakowski—are converging on the once-fashionable

Hotel Continental in Paris to meet British atom men who have the know-how they so desperately need.

MAJOR MOVE

More than 1,000 applied to attend, but they could not be packed in the hotel's pillared and grotesquely decorated ball-room.

ON the surface the occasion is no more than a technical conference about running atomic power plants.

But my inquiries convince me that it is in fact a major move by O.E.E.C. to start the flow of commercial atomic secrets from Britain to Europe.

It will be followed by further conferences at which the facts to be imparted will be increasingly more valuable—to the Europeans.

"This is a briefing conference for Europe, which is just beginning in the atom business," an O.E.E.C. official told me.

Britain is the only O.E.E.C. nation which has any experience of building and operating atomic power plants. None of the others has a Calder Hall or the mighty processing plants which go with it.

While post-war Britain made great sacrifices in money, materials, and sweat to prove that atom power was feasible, Germany, France, Switzerland, and the rest cashed in on immediate export markets.

AGAINST IT

They are now so far behind that they can make no conceivable return of atomic know-how in the foreseeable future.

British scientists and industrialists I have talked to here and in London are strongly opposed to any one-sided interchange. Officials talked of a vague scheme for safeguarding Britain's more vital trade secrets, but the scientists wonder whether this will be workable.

The plan is to set up a European free market so that economic fuels can be sold between member nations free of import duty.

The British know-how to help her. And what guarantee is there that the Germans will eventually put their best atomic finds and findings into the common pool?

They have always been adept at infringing agreements by hiding any industrial developments they wanted to keep to themselves—such as major projects as building warships.

To let fear of German competition in 15 years' time panic us into a one-sided agreement now is commercial cowardice.

Like all the international organisations this atom club is going to cost the British taxpayers much more money than the grants they are already providing to give some scientists a week in Paris in the spring.

FAR ADVANCED

THERE is already an O.E.E.C. scheme to set up three atomic research plants in Europe from which the Germans, Portuguese, Turks, and others will derive the main benefit.

The Government has been talked into helping to finance at least one of these, yet it is already wondering how it will raise the £618 million it proposes to spend on atom-power production at home.

The staging of this Paris conference convinces me that the European atom-pool plants are much further advanced than the public has been told.

I find that the Board of Trade is deeply involved in discussions to "liberalise" uranium and other atomic fuels.

The plan is to set up a European free market so that economic fuels can be sold between member nations free of import duty.

MAIN SOURCE

MUCH of the uranium which will be "liberalised" will come from Canada, and the Canadians have already voiced their misgivings about this link-up with Europe because it is bound to loosen Empire ties.

Britain is paramount in the world on the atomic power know-how which is bringing about second industrial revolution.

The Empire is paramount as its source of the uranium fuel on which this revolution depends.

To disrupt such a propitious partnership to further a doubtful doctrinaire scheme, even if defensible politically, looks like commercial lunacy.



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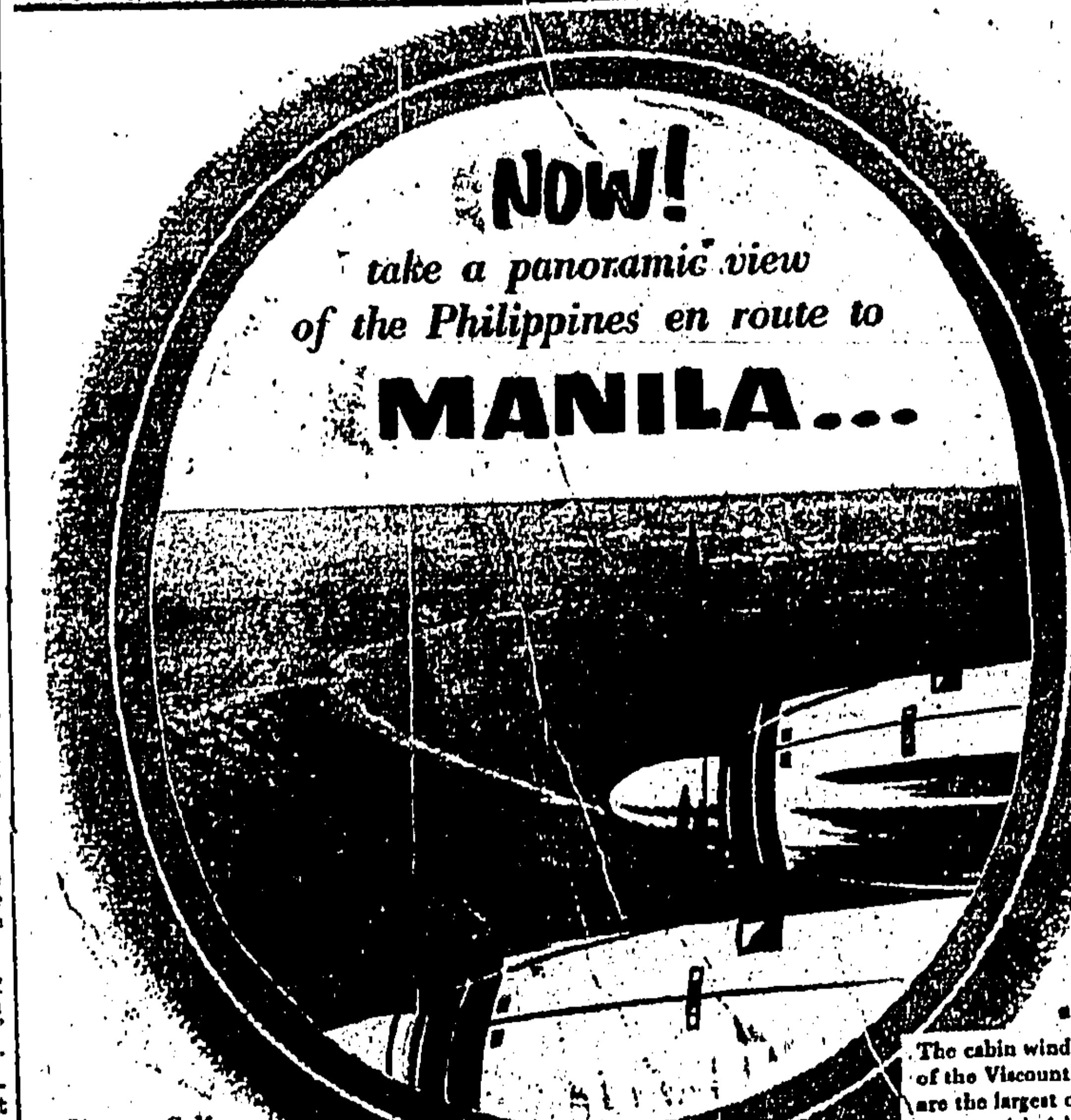
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WHAT IS AN AIRMAN?
AN AIRMAN IS AN EARTHY, BUT MYSTERIOUS CREATURE. THERE ARE TYPES OF EVERY NATION ALITY WITH NO TWO EXACTLY ALIKE. THEY ARE FOUND CHIEFLY IN NAFFI'S, ON TOP OF AND INSIDE AEROPLANES, IN GUARDROOMS, IN CINEMAS, ON SPORTS FIELDS, OUT OF BOUNDS AND ON THEIR BEDS.

AIRMEN ARE OF MANY COLOURS: WHITE—ON ARRIVAL FROM U.K. AT OTHER TIMES, VARYING DEGREES OF BROWN, PINK, RED, BLUE WITH GOLD, AND SOMETIMES GREEN WITH ENVY WHEN THEIR FRIENDS GAIN EARLIER PROMOTION.

AN AIRMAN CAN SOUND AS WISE AS SOLOMON, DIM AS A LAMP, RICH AS ROCKEFELLER, OR AS POOR AS A CHURCH MOUSE.

HE LIKES CIGARETTES, BEER, GIRLS IN GENERAL, CARDS, PAY PARADES, PIN-UPS, DORIS DAY, MARILYN MONROE, NAFFI BREAKS, YMCA SUPPER, INDULGENCE PASSES, GANGSTER BOOKS, FOOTBALL TESTMATCHES, LETTERS FROM HOME, AND STAND-DOWNS.

HE DOESN'T CARE MUCH FOR WRITING LETTERS, CEREMONIAL OR COLOUR HOISTING PARADES, CLASSICAL MUSIC, GUARDS, R.A.F. POLICEMEN, JANKERS, INSPECTIONS, BULL, VOUCHERS AND STANDING IN QUEUES.

NO ONE IS SO LATE TO RISE OR SO EARLY TO BED AND NO ONE KNOWS MORE ABOUT POLITICS AND FOOTBALL OR LESS ABOUT PROMULGATIONS ON STATION STAND-IN ORDERS.

THE AIRMAN IS CONFIDENT WITH AN ACE IN HIS HAND, IMPATIENT IN MEAL QUEUES, AUTHORITY WITH A PROP-ON HIS ARM, DISMAYED WITH AN ARRIVAL CHIT AND JOYFUL WHEN IT IS TURNED OVER AND BECOMES A CLEARANCE CHIT.

HIS POCKET HOLDS A BATTERED PACKET OF WILLE, FORM 1250, CRICKET BALL, SEVERAL UNANSWERED LETTERS, A DELAPIDATED COMB, TWO EMPTY POP BOTTLES, GREEN BAKELITE TOKENS, KNIFE, FORK AND SPOON, A PIECE OF PAPER AUTHORIZING AN EARLY OR LATE MEAL, AND A COPY OF THE LATEST HANK JANSON.

YOU CAN GET HIM OUT TO THE GUARDROOM AT 0645 HOURS, BUT YOU CAN'T MOVE HIM FROM THE NAFFI AT 2200 HOURS ON PAY NIGHT. HIS ONE AMBITION IS TO BECOME A CIVILIAN.

BUT MIDWAY THROUGH THE MORNING, WHEN WORK IS GETTING MONOTONOUS, THE HEAT UNBEARABLE, AND ONE IS DOWN IN THE DUMPS, ONE CAN FORGIVE HIM FOR BEING A LEAVE SEEKING, TEA DRINKING, SKIVVING BLOKE IN DIRTY OVERALLS, KD, OR BLUE UNIFORMS. IT'S THE TIME HE BURSTS INTO YOUR OFFICE, OR WORKSHOP SHOUTING HIS TWO MAGIC WORDS:

"NAFFI'S UP."

MEN and POWER

BY LORD BEAVERBROOK 1917-1918

Could the shriek of a parrot bring down the hero who had known the triumph of a day like this?

THIS is the final extract — the climax and the epilogue — from Lord Beaverbrook's "Men and Power 1917-1918." . . . This is the story of how a Prime Minister "who had risen to such heights that only his contemporaries can understand the pre-eminence he enjoyed" came swiftly to disaster. . . .

THE war was over. Lloyd George was now the most powerful man in Europe. His fame would endure for ever. He was admired and praised in all countries.

His prestige in the United States was so high that men said he would be elected as their President if he could run for office there.

He had beaten his German enemies in the war. He had scattered and destroyed his British enemies at the polls in the course of a General Election which disclosed an overwhelming popular judgment in his favour. Hardly any political opponent escaped. They had fallen like autumn leaves.

It is not now possible to realise the immense position of this man Lloyd George. He had risen to such heights that only his contemporaries can understand the pre-eminence he enjoyed. Winston Churchill, whose fame had endured, never reached such a position. And the electors in 1945 showed it clearly.

CONTROL

WHEN Lloyd George arrived in Paris for the Peace Conference

he at once took control. He really dominated the French Prime Minister Clemenceau. He had immense authority with President Wilson.

He was giving the law to Europe, fixing the boundaries of all the nations, giving out encouragement to some countries and severely reprimanding others. He was the arbiter of all Europe.

Bonar Law (the Conservative leader) said of him: "He can be Prime Minister for life if he likes." And Bonar Law's judgment was firmly and rightly based on the facts of the situation.

Churchill, Secretary of State for War, recommended that the Prime Minister should be awarded the Distinguished Service Order. The recommendation was rejected. Churchill was never easily put off. In October he wrote to the King that the Army Council wished Lloyd George to have the war medals.

MEDALS

THE Palace resisted. The King thought that Asquith

Premier until 1916 should be on the same footing as Lloyd George. He objected that it would be difficult to give the medals to Lloyd George and ignore the other Ministers. Nor, it appeared, was he entirely persuaded that the inspiration had come from the Army Council. But he was awkwardly placed, for it was probable that Lloyd George had already been told.

And, in fact, Churchill wrote again on December 7, 1919, acknowledging that Lloyd George had been consulted and had expressed great pleasure, saying: "I would rather have them than an earldom." On January 8, 1920, the newspapers announced:

"At 10 Downing Street last night, Mr. Winston Churchill and the members of the Army Council waited upon the Prime Minister to present him with the special award of the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal, approved by the King.

"The proceedings, which were private, lasted only a few minutes. The speeches of Mr

Churchill, who presented the

medals, and of the Prime Minister were quite informal.

"We understand that the King has also approved the special award of the three war medals to Mr. Asquith."

But in politics nothing is permanent, and often what seems to be made of marble and bronze turns out, after a little, to be composed of lath and plaster. So was it with the reputation of Lloyd George.

By the end of the first year of peace, the prestige and authority of His Majesty's Chief Minister had softened. There were signs and portents.

It is hard to explain to a new

generation the full measure of dislike, distrust, even loathing,

with which the public came to regard his Government. It is easy, on the other hand, to enumerate the causes which, insufficient as they may now appear, brought about the extraordinary turn from public favour to popular animosity. Here are some of them:

1. Lloyd George's series of foreign conferences which produced nothing and ended in futility and ridicule.

2. His hostility to France and his preoccupation with Germany.

3. The failure of his German policy, which finally resulted in driving Germany into the arms of Russia.

4. The grave risk he ran when he threatened war in the Near East. At that time war was sure to involve other nations and likely to end up in another European conflict.

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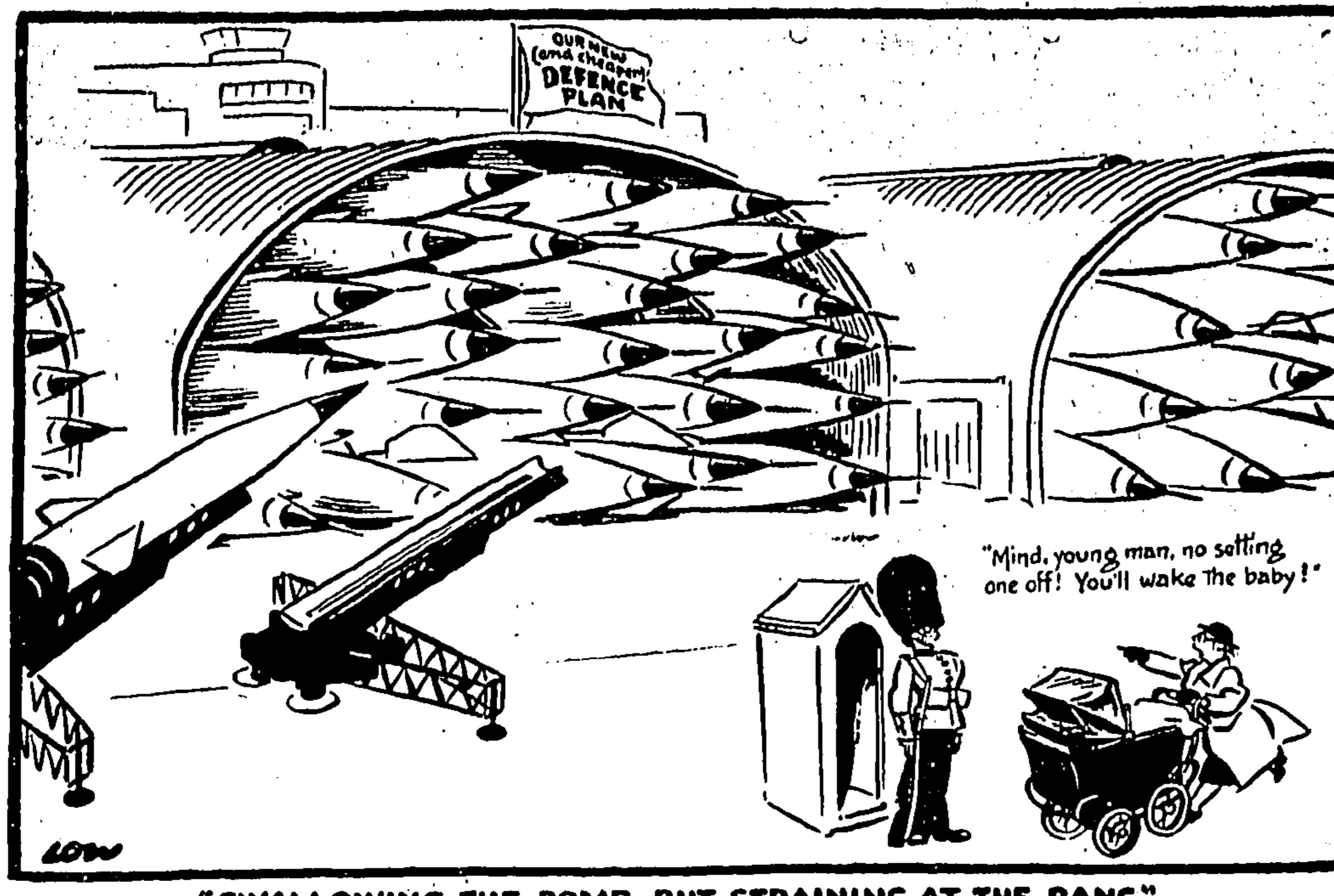
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"SWALLOWING THE BOMB BUT STRAINING AT THE BANG"

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"Daniel Macmillan in the Labour den"

By Sir Beverley Baxter, MP

MR Harold Macmillan has one advantage over his immediate predecessors—his face does not reveal his thoughts. Eden would flush with anger or his eyes would light up with the joy of battle, and Churchill's chin often protruded when he was attacked although a look of benevolence would appear after he had floored his antagonist. But by contrast Macmillan enters the Chamber with a light step and a languid expression as if to say that politics were much too serious to be taken seriously.

Therefore neither his supporters nor his opponents have been able to read his thoughts during the last few weeks as one bye-election after another reveals that the tide is running heavily against the Government.

Eden's personal General Election majority at Warwick and Leamington was 13,466 but in the bye-election caused by his resignation this figure fell to 2,157. The Tory pundits have tried to convince themselves that the victory at Warwick and Leamington reflected the critical attitude that many of his Parliamentary associates adopted towards Eden. It was argued that Eden's hold on his constituency was so personal that his supporters had no heart for a other man. But it takes more than that to explain a 11,000 drop in the majority.

Gaitskell's Smile

On the same day there was a bye-election at Bristol West and what happened there? The Tory majority fell from 22,001 to 14,162.

To add to the bad news the Conservatives actually lost East Lewisham where a Tory majority of 3,230 was turned into a 1,000 minority.

No wonder Hugh Gaitskell smiles as he takes place on the Opposition Front Bench and gazes at the overburdened Prime Minister, and no wonder Nye Bevan looks out of the corner of his eye at Gaitskell as if to say: "You still have to deal with me, my boy!"

But the internal problems of the Socialist hierarchy do not end there. The debonair Sir Hartley Shawcross who was Attorney-General in the Socialist Government has just announced that he is retiring from the Bar where his average yearly earnings must have been well over £50,000. Instead he has accepted an advisory post with the giant Shell Oil Company where he will probably be paid a pittance £25,000 a year. He will, however, still keep his seat in Parliament.

Why should this announcement spread alarm and despondency in the breasts of Gaitskell and Bevan? The answer is simple. Sir Hartley is ambitious and although he has treated the House of Commons with an airy indifference he still retains his membership in that august institution. Then is he going to be content to give advice to an oil combine and disappear from public view? Is that superb voice of his to be heard only in the confines of the board room?

Some of you may recall two years ago I gave an account of the 1955 Annual Dinner of the Soils and Sinners Club where Shawcross made cruel fun of Nye Bevan who was present, and Bevan in return attacked him for his non-attendance at the House of Commons. "You ought to come and see the old place some time," said Bevan. "You might even make a speech there just for the novelty of it."

Sir Hartley's Contempt

It is a fact that none of us in Parliament have ever seen one of our numbers treat the House with such apparent contempt as Sir Hartley has shown. Only on the rarest occasions did he even turn up to vote. Yet here is the paradox. Many shrewd observers of the political scene believe that Sir Hartley's retirement from the law and his new association with Shell Oil are preliminary steps to his return to the House and his ultimate leadership of the Socialist Party.

What does it matter if the Shell combine pays him £25,000 or more a year? It will be taken from him in taxation. The truth is that like most great barristers Shawcross is a superb actor and he is possessed of a personality and a voice that would place him on a level with Sir Laurence Olivier and Sir John Gielgud. Therefore he must be in a place to make himself heard.

And since we are dealing with a man of paradox I must set down in all sincerity that despite his prodigious success in a capitalist society Shawcross is a sincere Socialist. Yet his sincerity does not override his political judgment. His sympathy with the under-privileged sections of society does not blind him to the fact that no great nation can survive merely by building council houses at a cheap rent, supplying a state health service and taxing the earners of wealth out of existence.

Like Macmillan he believes that there must be incentives and reward for the winners and he would openly admit that he himself has done extremely well out of the Capital system.

Therefore I predict that after he has settled down with his oil colleagues he will renew his contact with the House of Commons by taking his place on the Opposition Front Bench. Further than that I predict that he will not concentrate merely on those debates in which the legal mind excels but will invade the broad area of trade as well as colonial and foreign affairs.

Bevan's Rivalry

Tactically his situation is highly favourable because of the open rivalry between Gaitskell and Bevan. It is true that Gaitskell is the elected leader of the Socialist Party but he lacks warmth and glamour—the very qualities which Nye Bevan possesses in abundance. In fact it was Bevan who publicly referred to Gaitskell as a desiccated adding machine. Also we must remember that it was not only in the Conservative ranks that there were politi-

MOTORING NEWS NOTEBOOK
by Basil Cardew

WOMEN'S CAR JOINS THE PLUSH PAIR

THE zippy car above, the Nash Metropolitan, has Britain's big money-making trio of cars in America.

The Metropolitan, made for Nash of America by Austin, is third in the list of top-selling imported cars in the U.S.

First and second are Rolls-Royce and Bentley.

The Metropolitan now comes to the British market with a right-hand drive for the first time.

I have just given this model a test over 300 miles—and I rate it as the ideal woman's car, for these reasons:

It looks good; it has a simple design; and even the spare wheel is hitched on the back, is

easy to get at. And see the colours:

Caribbean coral; Berkshire green; sunburst yellow; Mardi Gras red; combined in each case in four colours.

I found the car cornered like a dream, and had tremendous get-away. It is parked easily because the driving seat has all-round vision.

Economical

The Metropolitan can touch nearly 80 miles an hour, can cruise at 60, and has a very sure grip on the road.

Price in Britain: £713 (with tax) for the hard top; for the convertible £725 (with tax).

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NEW STEERING BOOST

THE top-selling Rolls-Royce is a perfect compromise. The Bentley models come out today with power-assisted steering.

Invented by Rolls, this really cuts down the strain. In fact, Rolls-Bentley (above) a 300-mile run needed no more effort than a 50-mile spin.

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The Rolls people have reached

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petrolium in Britain, and in the scouring, bleaching and dyeing process have created an immense new petroleum chemicals industry. Oil and its by-products now enter our offices and homes to an extent that is staggering.

We live with oil and do not recognise it. It polishes our floors, waterproofs our roofs, washes our dishes, shampoo our hair. As plastics it curtails our windows and supplies fittings for the kitchen and bathroom. It is the bowl we wash in, the dish the dog eats from, the toothbrush, the sponge bag, the laxative, the ointment, the weed killer. It is a most necessary part of hair cream, hand cream, nail varnish and the throat spray.

The paper round, the razor blades is waxed with an oil by-product and the fox sprays certain diction, derived from oil and deadly to insects.

There are so many, and unexpectedly various, these by-products of oil—the naphthenes in paints, the bitumens for waterproofing and binding, the waxes, the white spirit, the synthetic glycerine, for making the cellulose wrappings for sweets, even gas oil which is often used to enrich the coal-gas supply to the kitchen stove.

Functions

Indoors, outdoors, oil is gradually playing a bigger and bigger part in our lives. Once it was merely oil. Now it comes in all grades as spirit and lubricant, fine and coarse, thick and thin, rough and smooth. It not only ensures that the wheels turn smoothly, it makes them turn and with its hydrocarbons and carbon blacks it now makes the wheels brighter every room of the house.

Acetone for the basis of photographic films, as a drying agent in nail varnish and in the manufacture of rayon and other artificial fibres for dresses. Acetone is also used to make the thin centre core for safety glass. Cresylic acids for such balsamic plastics as the telephone, ethylene for PVC plastics like the sponge bag and the curtains and for polythene plastics like the bucket and bowls.

Derivatives

As oil has taken over many of the functions of coal, so doubt will atomic energy supersede many of the power properties of oil, but not, surely, its lubricating quality nor the diversity of uses of its by-products—and not for many years yet. Oil, therefore, must remain our standby and the more we rely upon it the more carefully must the source and the supply lines be secured.

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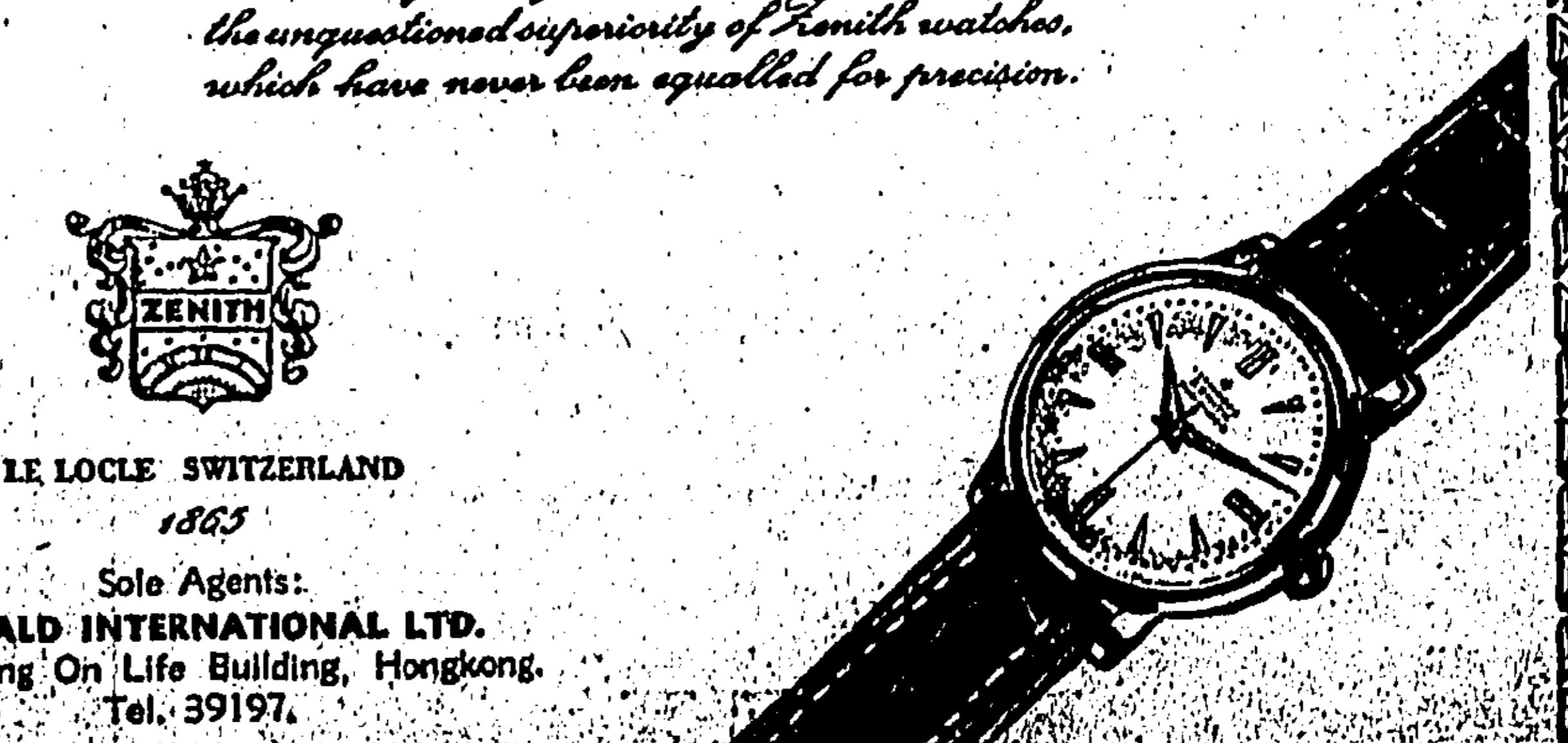
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Lauren Bacall in 5th Avenue alone

New York. NEW YORK in the springtime and the skies are so bright a blue and sunshine so brilliant that half the population, particularly the women, seem to be wearing smoked glasses.

The big city is crowded with big names.

Here is Lauren Bacall for personal appearance for her latest film, *Designing Woman*. She has shed her mourning and strides down Fifth Avenue after breakfast in her St Regis suite wearing a close-fitting grey flannel suit, hatless, her silver-streaked blonde hair flying in the breeze.

At 33, Bogart's widow is one of the most-sought-after women in Hollywood, Palm Springs, Palm Beach, Southampton, Newport, and any other resort she decorates.

Looking ahead

SHE tells us: "Acting is my business. Just as it was Bogey's. I'm not 35 and I'm not in any mood for retirement. I do not understand why anyone would, or could, expect me to stop living my normal life. I miss Bogey very, very much. It's much too soon to talk about the possibility of marrying again. I have no complex about marrying again."

"How could I when my marriage to Bogey was such a good one?"

"And it's far too soon to be talking about other suitors. If any Hollywood wolf starts howling at my door I will bang the door shut. My children are the most important thing in my life these days, and my grief over Bogey will be with me for a long, long time. I only wish that Bogey could have lived to see *Designing Woman*.

"I think it is the best thing I have ever done, and he was so interested in my career."

Miss Bacall inherits more than a million dollars from the estate of her husband, and has years of earning power ahead of her. Life without Bogey is not as sweet as with him, but the actress is not moping. The courage she demonstrated during the last two racing years of Bogey's life, when the graft and corruption in the trade

Don Iddon's Diary

cancer was closing in on him, sustains her now.

Beverly Hills has moved to Park and Fifth Avenues. Henry Bailey is here walking around Central Park reservoir every day with James Stewart.

Tallulah Bankhead is back in the city and so are Fred Astaire, Dan Dailey, Celeste Holm, Harold Lloyd.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have arrived from Palm Beach.

But overshadowing all the parade of great names is the hambant, cocky, ex-President Harry Truman.

Off the cuff

EVERY day Mr Truman takes a brisk, pre-breakfast walk along Madison Avenue, escorted by a puffing group of reporters.

Shouting answers off the cuff.

Mr Truman says: "As regards

President Eisenhower, there is

no rift in my party. It's all one

way. I helped to make the

man. What more can I do?

"I just can't give a damn

about the situation."

On President Eisenhower as a golfer: "No comment."

On the Middle East: "I would like to see peace in the Middle East and it could be accomplished if the U.S. would assume the leadership, but the U.S. has not done so."

Finally, on the exposure of

the graft and corruption in the trade

unions: "It is a very serious

thing for inexperienced people

to be entrusted with funds be-

longing to someone else. These

funds should be regulated by

Federal law. It is bound to

come."

Under suspicion

CERTAINLY something drastic

is bound to come. The

unions are retching from the

blows inflicted by the Senate

Investigation Committee. Dave Beck, the head of the biggest

and most powerful union, the

International Brotherhood of

Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Ware-

housemen, and Helpers of

America, has been back in his

Scattee mansion, and it looks as

if his long career as a labour

czar is over.

Beck faces prosecution which

could send him to jail. He has

been unable to account con-

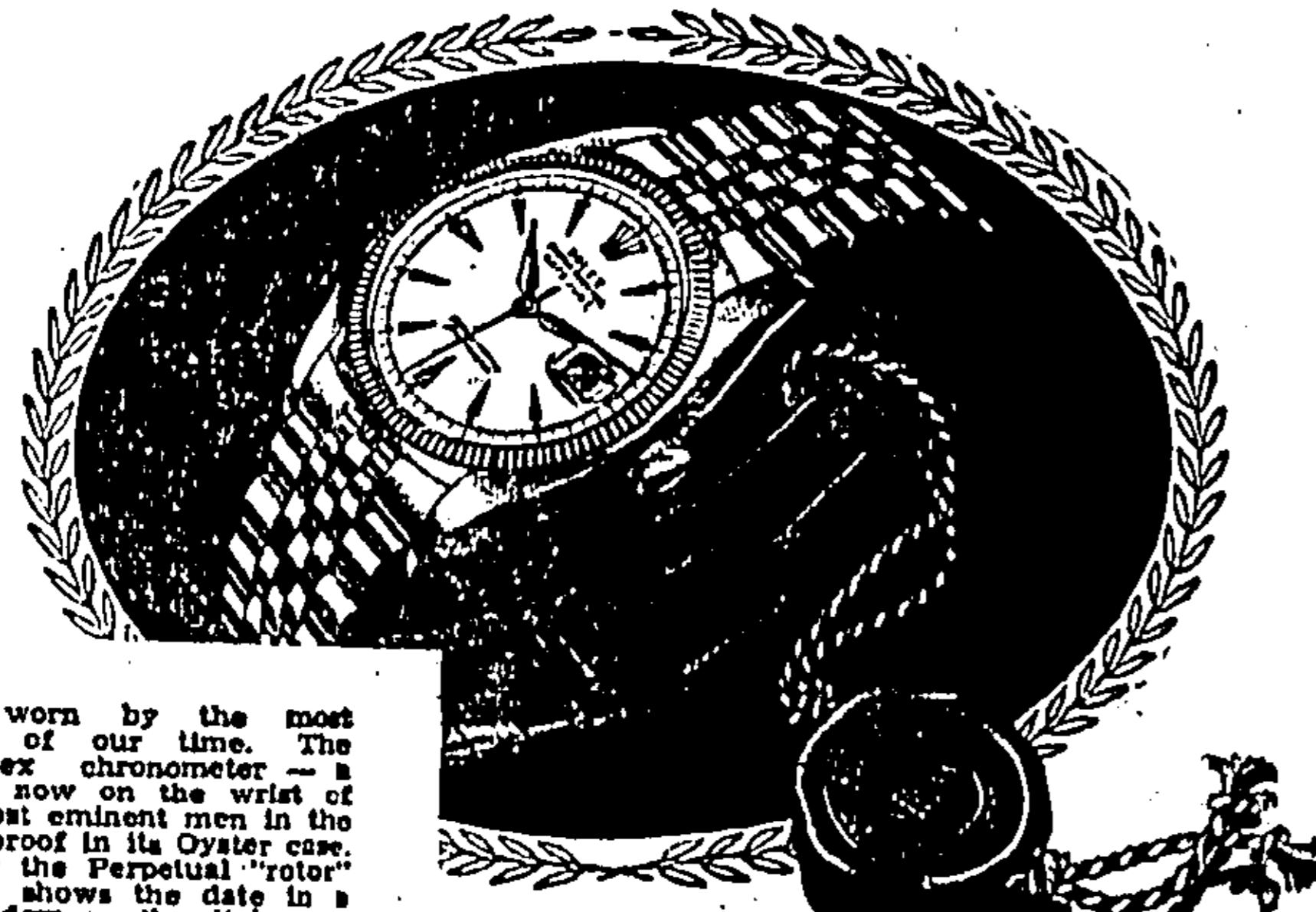
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They talked all day in the Bermuda sun While the folk back home were having their fun Losing their money on the week's big race With strikes breaking out all over the place.

Colonel Nasser he demand more pay. Makarios will be home any day. Everyone'll listen to what he sez About us and our restrictive practices.

(Chorus)

Said Mac to Ike we'd better get back Or like another P.M. we'll be getting the sack!

Said Ike to Mac if you take my tip, You'll go by plane and not by ship.

For the ocean liners have to roll and rock And let 'emselves into Southampton Dock.

The meeting ended as a great success Now Selwyn and Mac are back in the mess.

(Chorus, if you like)

But it was well worth going all those thousands of miles,

For Uncle Sam is sending us some Guided Missiles.

Said a shipyard worker laughing fit to bust You won't see my heels for Atom Dust.

(With apologies to Cy Grant and the B.B.C.)



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● Marlene Dietrich...one puff of smoke and it seems she could disappear altogether

Roving Rory says 'No' to 40,000 juke boxes



RORY MCEWEN

appearances in New York paid the boat ticket home.

"We played saloon bars in the West," he said. "The cowboys in Cripple Creek really wore guns and dressed like Roy Rogers."

McEwen's musical tastes are what jazz-men call "trad," or traditional. He sings no records by Elvis Presley or Harry Belafonte. He collects the non-commercial originals — Negro rock 'n' roll records cut in 1935 calypsos by the Trinidad singers Attila and Edward the Conqueror.

McEwen tells me all this with a faint grin of self-irony.

Artificial

"Of course, it's artificial isn't it — an Old Etonian singing American railroad songs to a 12-string guitar?" But it is still better than commercial.

He takes up his guitar and departs. Perhaps he's going to paint, or socialise with a Scots Border singer non-commercially, or his father, Sir John, could afford a pretty smart flat.

McEwen, the Laird of Marchmont, Scotland, where Princess Margaret has stayed practically the entire family.

Young McEwen — not with that

Elton, Cambridge, and Roman Catholic background. He is an Enterprising Young Man. With brother Alex, he busked and "lithed" all over the United States last year. They want for their supper in one-night stands from San Francisco to New Orleans. There's no tour, TV, or London, Germany, France.

by Peter Chambers

Only a few weeks back the Rev. Simon Phipps, of Trinity College, Cambridge, one of Princess Margaret's close friends, started in commercial TV. He presents religious programmes every Sunday.

On TV, Rory McEwen is a resident calypso and folk-song singer. In the programme tonight, a lanky 6 ft. 2 in., he wears a cowboy shirt he bought in Cripple Creek, Colorado, and he plays a 12-string guitar.

Mr. McEwen is a travelled man. He has travelled from the drawing-room of Clarence House to the cabaret of New Orleans. That old Etonian charm is a universal passport.

"Besides which," says his producer Donald Haverstock, "I want to bring to your notice that Rory is a first-class entertainer."

In the studio 3, which Rory McEwen goes on the air with

American folk-song called Ain't It A Shame. I agree he is good. The style is relaxed, difficult not "commercial."

McEwen hates commercial music. In the pub afterwards over a glass of Scotch, he tells me: "If you start singing commercially you are done. In 10 years, you'll find yourself stuck in a folie-music in the United States."

They said, "Well, teach us how to sing rock 'n' roll and we can guarantee you 40,000 juke box sales." We turned it down."

"So you wouldn't describe yourself as a professional entertainer?"

"No. I take a fee, when I entertain at a big party, and I'm a 'weedy' performer."

In Belgravia

For bread and butter, Rory McEwen works as art editor for *Empire*, a weekly publication.

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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

ANNE SCOTT-JAMES says:



Draped bikini.



Bare back dress.



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I dare you

Elegant Fashions With A French Finish

By EILEEN ASCROFT

LONDON. The really elegant French woman today chooses a coat-dress for spring, slim-tailored, the perfect foil for her new Easter bonnet. I am happy to see this fashion catching on here.

In the coat departments I find exciting adaptations of the loose wrap-around from Paris. In lightweight fabrics, brilliant colours and small starburst collars. These, too, have the new shortened sleeve.

Sign of a luxury party dress these days is that it has its own matching coat or jacket. Not so extravagant as it sounds, as the coat can usually be worn effectively over a black cocktail dress as well.

THREE LINES

The most daring part of any woman's wardrobe is her hat. A good suit, a simple elegant coat, a well-chosen evening dress will do duty for many seasons. But there is nothing more like lost night's leftovers than a bonnet of two seasons ago.

Last summer we were wearing these delicious merengue-like concoctions of tulle or chiffon, dotted with roses.

But pretty as they were, they have a strangely old-fashioned look today. The new hats have three outstanding lines.

First is the sou'wester—large, face-framing and a real flattery, with brim that turns back off the forehead and dips behind to the shape of the neck. Equally effective in fine and coarse straw or felt; stunning in white plique.

My choice of the week...a honey-coloured straw, banded with champagne satin.

Second: the little pagoda or gisha girl hat, with high crown and strong oriental influence. In this class, too, come the enchanting mob caps in tulle or chiffon.

Third: a shape that goes right back to the 1930s, made rather like a child's sun hat with a backswept tilt. This is the most difficult shape to wear effectively. You need to be ultra-smart to carry it off.

Evening dresses are as slimy and frothy as ever. The two important trends here are the return of the strapless top and the shortening of full evening

Go in with
a splash
this year

WHETHER it's Capri or any other resort this summer, go in with a splash. Black rocks, blue pools and sand scream out for pretty women in adventurous clothes.

Not the right figure? Try to get one. You've weeks to lose the bumps.

Self-conscious in beach clothes? The feeling will last one day. Then, with all those bare bodies about, you'll regret your timid dresses and too-modest shorts.

Not very young? I agree you can't strip so much, but you can still wear terrific colours, exciting fabrics and new shapes. (How about a violet towelling beach wrap with white hair?)

This year's beach clothes are newsy, striking, well-constructed, with ideas flowing in from California, Italy, and (important source this season) the Cote d'Azur.

Just right for making a splash.

Make your splash in:

... A BAREBACK DRESS. The backless top is a big incoming line, showing out the old strapless line that's done to death. New to go under it: the backless bra, a feat of architecture.

... A BUBBLE WRAP. Newer than a coat, jacket, stole or poncho is a balloon of a beach wrap gathered at the hem.

... A DRAPED BIKINI. More decent than the G-string bikini, this year's two-piece has a thoughtful bit of drapery. Everyone with a human shape will wear one in the South of France.

... DEAD BLACK. A black knitted swimsuit, a black jersey beach suit or a black linen dress can be a showstopper among all that colour.

... SHOCK WHITE. No argument, white is dazzlingly attractive when you've got tan. And it actually makes a pale tan look deeper. Try an all-white beach dress with a printed sash.

... A SHORT TUNIC. A tunle playsuit is that much newer than shirt and shorts; that much more comfortable; and that much kinder to all shapes of leg.

... A HOOD. A hood to your wrap or beach suit is new, flat and practical on a breezy beach. You can pin up a hood and hide it while it dries after swimming.

... A SAWONG. That Hawaiian hibiscus on the hip is with us for swimsuits, skirts and dresses—somehow turning a plain piece of sportswear into something feminine and sexy.

Curtain Up

This week I went to a prep school play.

A completely successful occasion, because the play was specially written for the boys of 12 to 18 who were to act it.

It was a Tudor adventure story, well within their grasp. Some blood-and-guts, a loud explosion, and a Spanish plot against King Hen. Studied the traps of both cast and audience.

But it's surprising how many scenes choose timetable, even embarrassing plays for children.

The School for Scandal, a comedy demanding the highest style and polish, is a frequent choice. So is The Importance of Being Earnest, though it's now the Goliard Club's Evans level.

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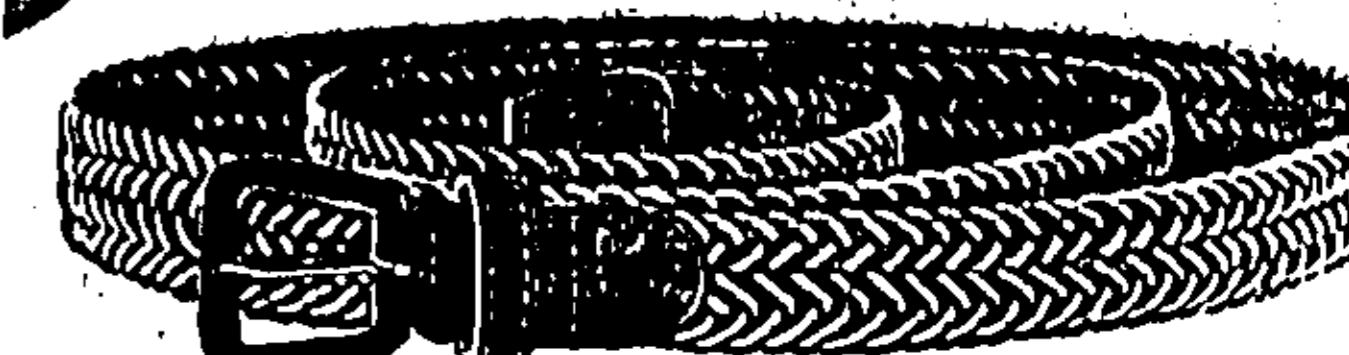
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LOOK

This smart town cloche from Jean Patou sits well back on the head and leaves the forehead bare. It is in shaggy white, straw, trimmed with mull - coloured silk ribbon.

Urbana, Ill.

THE University of Illinois safety department says the truth of both east and audience.

But it's surprising how many scenes choose timetable, even embarrassing plays for children.

The School for Scandal, a comedy demanding the highest style and polish, is a frequent choice. So is The Importance of Being Earnest, though it's now the Goliard Club's Evans level.

So are the wretched plays of Shakespeare,

so there will be few last minute items to attend to;

Don't hurry. Take the time to be careful, even if it does mean a burnt potato or two;

Turn handles of cooking utensils to the back of the range so they cannot be knocked over accidentally;

Make sure all electric cords, switches and plugs are in good condition;

Don't leave knives and other potentially dangerous instruments within the reach of children;

Plan and prepare as much of the meal as possible beforehand.

Use a safe, easily manageable step ladder to reach high places; Organise your small equipment for convenient use so that, for example, dish towels will not hang directly above an electric toaster;

Don't leave kerosene and other oily materials near an open flame;

Invest a little time and money in safety," the experts advise. "The hospital bills you'll save will more than cover the cost."



It's CHING MING — first traditional outing of the Spring — when the Chinese visit their dead.

The railway station is jammed and trains and buses crowded. The whole world, and all the family, go to the graveyards . . . the elders — to remember . . . and the youngsters — to be told. (Staff Photographers)



Mrs R.O. Hall visits the Juvenile Care Centre on Children's Day. . . . 1,600 children each get a gift . . . 6,000 fingers and thumbs join in the (Staff Photographer)

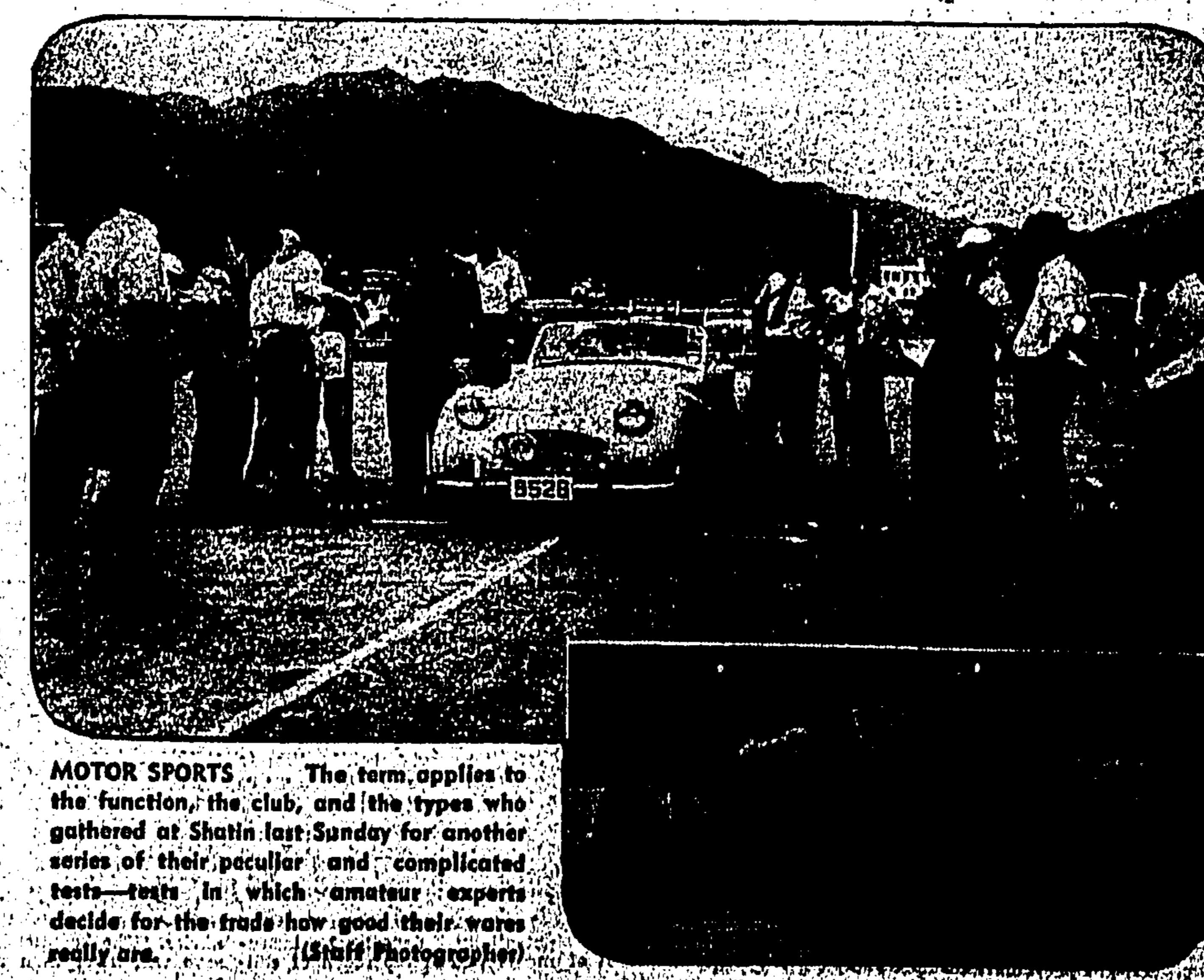


St Stephen's College prize winning choir and Professor Chao Moi-pa.

LEFT: Children of a YMCA Youth Club are at the Peninsula Hotel dancing for their sponsors—the Ys Men's Club. Inset—"Yaman Jack Eng becomes President."

RIGHT: Snookered by a pepper pot? Not if you're Lindrum. Finale of the former world snooker champion's demonstration in the Macpherson Stadium just goes to prove that if you are really good nothing can put you off your game. Not even when the wife transforms her entire kitchen table to the cloth. (Staff Photographers)

Hongkong new view—just one of many changes in a daily changing face. Government Offices overlooking Queen's Road are coming down and giving place to now. (Staff Photographer)



MOTOR SPORTS The term applies to the function, the club, and the types who gathered at Shatin last Sunday for another series of their peculiar and complicated tests—tests in which amateur experts decide for the trade how good their wares really are. (Staff Photographer)

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Can't take his eyes off her. (Don't blame him — CAN YOU!) Capt. and Mrs Robert Little come down the steps from Union Church. Bride is the former Miss Irene Levitsky. Bridesmaids — Colleen Smith (left) and Dorothy Knowles. (Staff Photographer)



MRS L. T. Rido says goodbye at Kai Tak to United States Consul-General and his wife, Mr and Mrs Everett F. Drumright, leaving Hong Kong for home leave. (Staff Photographer)

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PIC O' THE WEEK
Julia Baron and Commodore J. H. Unwin discuss Mrs. Baron's painting exhibition.
LEFT: Touche — the Colony Fencing Championships of the YMCA, Salisbury Road. (Staff Photographers)



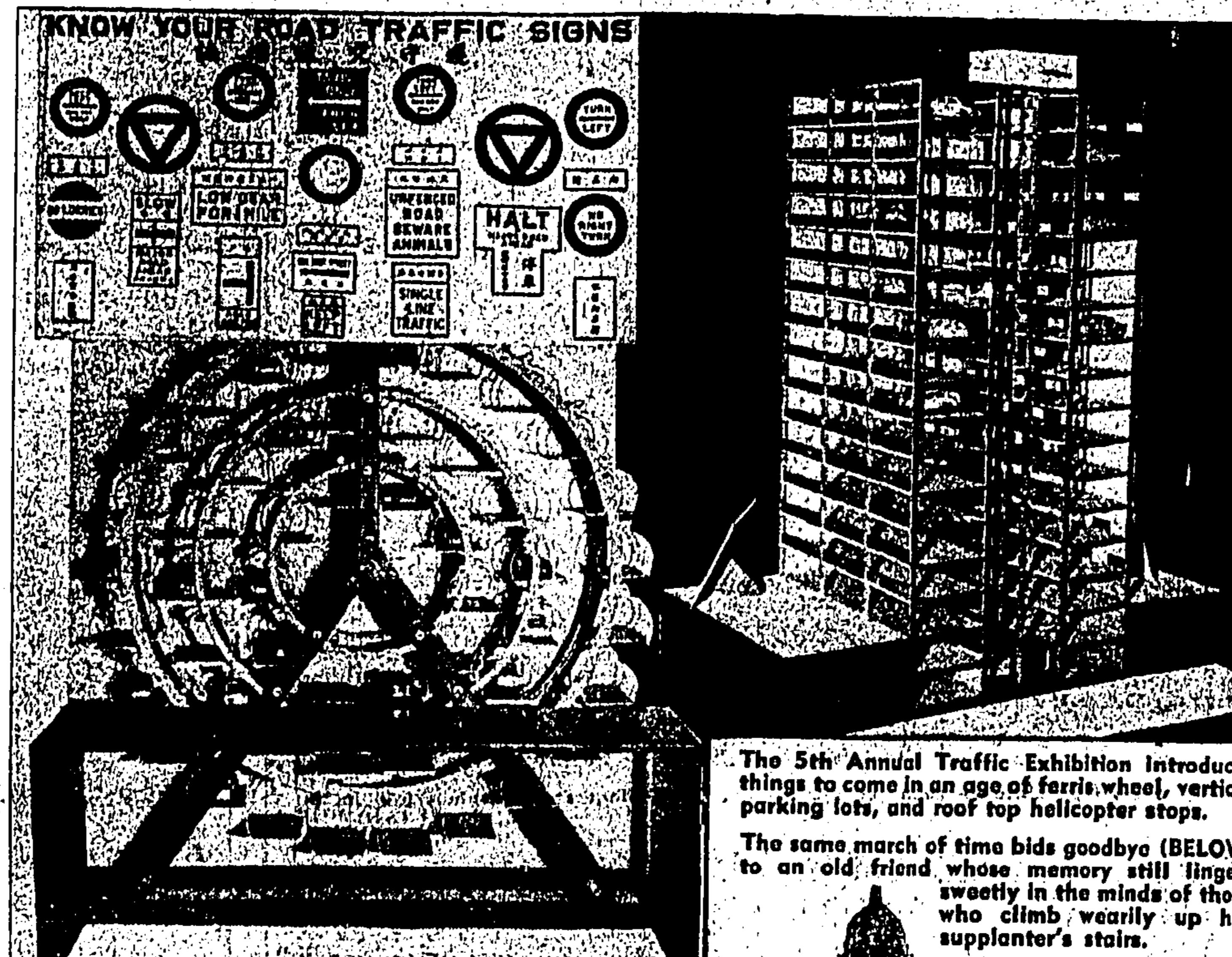
REV. OWEN EVA—Vicar of St Andrew's signs autographs after his installation. (Staff Photographer)



FATHER GROSS—American Franciscan back from six years in Shanghai prison on espionage charges. (Staff Photographer)

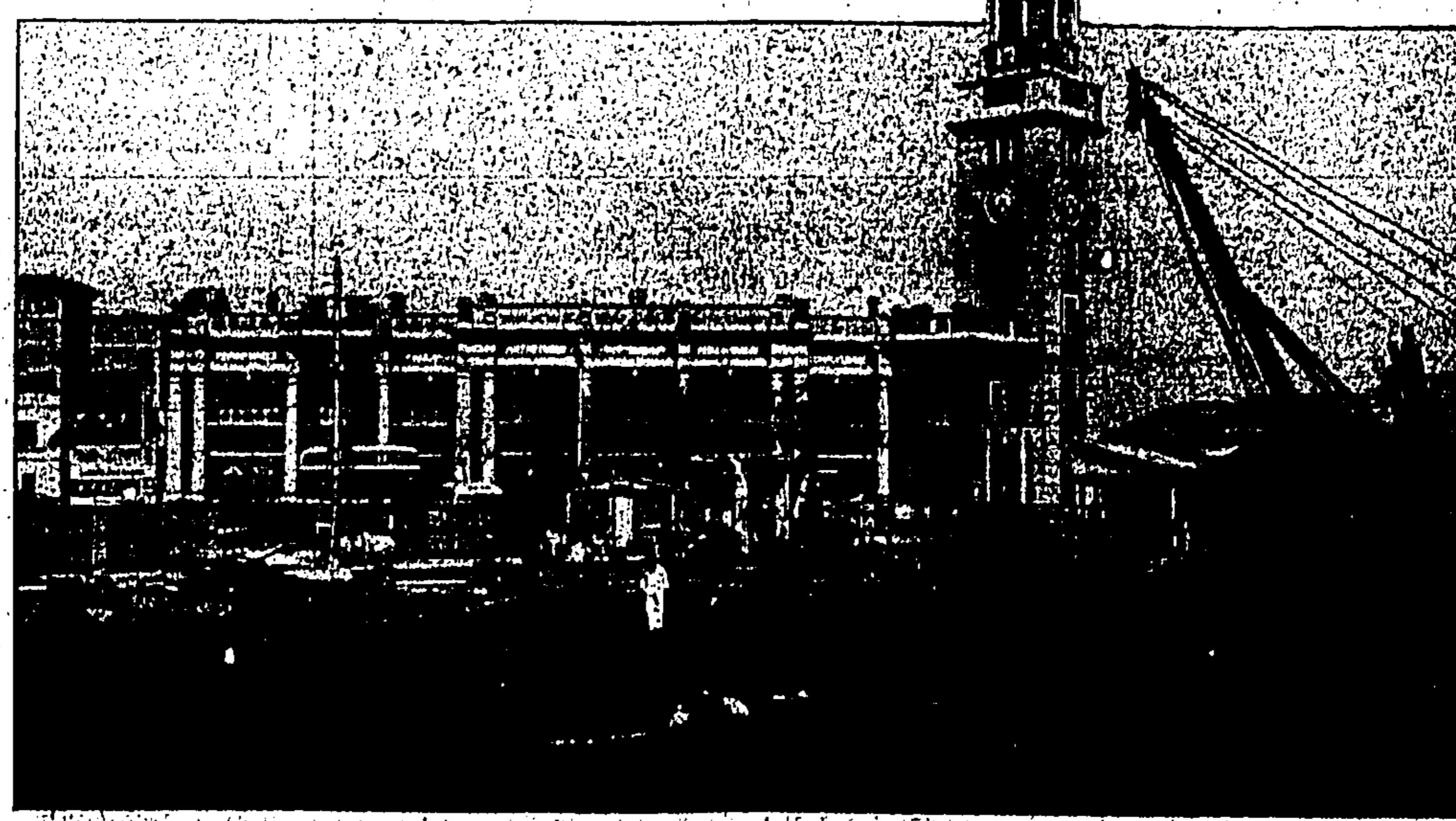


LIGHT ON THEIR FACES—two children get absorbed at the exhibition of textbooks and teaching aids. (Staff Photographer)



The 5th Annual Traffic Exhibition introduces things to come in an age of ferris wheel, vertical parking lots, and roof top helicopter stops.

The same march of time bids goodbye (BELOW) to an old friend whose memory still lingers sweetly in the minds of those who climb wearily up her supplanter's stairs. (Staff Photographers)



JENNIE LI presents her posie. Recipient is Mrs Joyce Auyang at the Jaycees "School Art Contest" in St John's Cathedral Hall. (Staff Photographers)

COMMANDANT General of the RAF Regiment—Air Vice Marshal Fuller Good arrives at Kai Tak with crew in tropical summer rig.



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Is the Queen fair to the highbrows?

WHEN you think of the Queen what is your personal picture of her? What image is so sharply etched, so familiar, so typical—that it clicks in your mind faster than a camera shutter?

I give you a choice of two pictures.

The first is...the Queen standing alert and unposed in a wooden grandstand, wearing a sensible suit and holding to her eyes a pair of very heavy, business-like field-glasses.

It is the Queen at any race meeting in the country at any time of the year, in brilliant sunshine or in pouring rain.

The Queen at next Friday's Grand National.

Her expression in the shadow of that white-painted box is half obscured, but her mood is easy to judge.

She gets excited—and dances up and down, gesturing extravagantly with hands which are usually quiet and queenly.

She is disappointed? Her binoculars fall abruptly, and swing idly on their strap, as she leans forward to flick the knob of her red portable radio and turn off the pointless snarl of the race commentary.

Now look for the other picture, imagine the Queen in another kind of royal box, focusing intently through a different pair of binoculars.

She is at Covent Garden, and as the singers and orchestra bring the opera to its tremendous climax, the Queen drops her little ivory glasses to her

lap and closes her eyes in the ecstasy of the moment. No doubt, of course, which is the familiar picture. The Queen at the races. Her 1957 average: one day every two weeks.

The second picture is blurred for this simple reason: opera and concert music do not rank among the Queen's personal interests and hobbies. She rarely uses her box at Covent Garden—but has not been since the Horse Show—our national heroine is a girl in Jodhpurs, Pat Smythe.

Now, few of us would complain because the Queen is not an opera fanatic.

The wonderful thing is that they see the Queen constantly passing them by—and they are well aware what would happen if she linked herself eagerly with their activities.

Look at the influence of Princess Margaret's personal preferences: she goes twice or three times to an intimate revue like *Drop of a Hat*, or *Crankie* and the show is made.

How they would love some support from the Duke of Edinburgh. Consider two of his leisure activities:—

SAILING: Today four times more people sail their own boats than 10 years ago.

There are 1,400 racing fixtures compared with 250 then.

Yet before the Duke and boat-designer Uffa Fox took Cowes out into the salt-sprayed races of Cowes Regatta, only a handful of rich yachting men would have known that the "Flying Fifteen" was a boat!

POLO: Another exclusive sport seven years ago suddenly became a Sunday afternoon out for thousands of Londoners. If the Duke had never played, never been photographed peeling off his sweat shirt...would the spectator figures at Cowdray Park and Windsor have boomed the way they did?

Let us be clear about one thing.

Nobody in their senses wants a pompous, pedantic family of intellectuals around the Throne.

Their love of sport, their attendance at the Cup Final,

their desire to be pleasantly amused at the theatre and not worried into a psychiatrist's clinic...all these things forge bonds between them and us.

But this is the passing show.

You and I can live happily without recognising a note of Beethoven or Berlioz. Of course,

But we would be foolish to deny the importance of a vigorous cultural life.

It is important to our national prestige now—important for the heritage we shall pass on.

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NEWS FROM BRITAIN

BY LES ARMOUR

FACTS, FIGURES, AND FINANCIAL GRAPHS

THIS is the open season for economists.

Facts, figures, graphs, white papers, statements, counter-statements, and pious platitudes descend out of the sunny April sky like a great chilling blizzard.

To upshot of them all seems to be that all is not as good as it should be, as bad as it might be, or at all what we should like it to be.

Wages and salaries rose by 9 percent last year and gross commercial trading profits increased by the same amount. Production, however, increased by less than one percent.

Personal savings rose nicely—of the wage and salary increases, about forty percent was actually saved.

But, of course, the amount of real goods you could buy with your newly earned and saved pounds went down as it must when costs rise faster than output.

So there you are. We are not much richer after all. And we are not much poorer either though the economists tell us that, inflation being what it is, getting rich on paper may make you poorer, in fact, in the long run.

It is all rather bewildering and the economists' blizzard has not really left us much wiser. It appears, indeed, that the British are not working as hard as the economists think: they should and that assorted silly sorts (tycoons and trade unionists alike) have been busy trying to get something for nothing and

have, of course, not succeeded.

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THE MIRACLE . . .

Speaking of facts and figures somebody worked out this week that the National Debt now comes to £680 a head (excluding children under 14 whom it would be unfair to saddle with this monster and persons over 65 who have probably forgotten what it was all about anyway).

This, of course, is a very complicated affair since it concerns money which we owe one another and nobody is very sure just where or what it is.

Nevertheless, the calculations prompted this column to investigate some of the magnificent schemes to dispose of this debt.

In 1927, an anonymous donor, eight of the national debt figures left £500,000 to a fund which would eventually pay the debt off. The idea was to be invested and allowed to accumulate until it amounted to enough to pay off the total. Then the nation could start with a clean sheet.

This week, it had run up to £2,220,182. In the meanwhile, the national debt itself had increased—but not as fast, not quite.

So there is hope.

Then there is the Elsie Mackay Fund left by Lord and Lady Inchape in memory of their daughter. The fund had £527,008 when it started in 1920 and it was to accumulate for 50 years and then be applied to the debt. It now stands at £1,460,404—good going, too.

The interesting thing is that the last of these funds—the Buchanan Fund—was left in 1930.

Finally, there is the John

Buchanan Fund left by Dr Buchanan under the same terms as the Elsie Mackay Fund. It now totals £13,240; small but no doubt helpful.

The interesting thing is that the last of these funds—the Buchanan Fund—was left in 1930.

Since then, public spirited citizens seem to have given the

National Debt up as a thoroughly bad job.

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SILENT NIGHT:

There are already more television viewers than radio listeners in Britain and the trend is likely to snowball for some time set.

As a result, the B.B.C. has been pondering the redeployment of its forces and the "rumour has been cited" (such rumours, it seems, are always ripe) that the Third Programme is doomed.

A Third Programme Defence Supplement" has been formed and Sir Basil Blackwell has published a pamphlet depicting the end of the Third.

The columns of "The Times" and "The Manchester Guardian" have reflected the unease among the Third Programme.

The Third Programme is one of the B.B.C.'s personal contributions to the concept of broadcasting and not long ago, the Corporation was loudly celebrating its tenth anniversary.

It was deliberately created as a plaything of the few, as a vehicle for the esoteric and the scholarly.

It is a kind of learned journal with sound effects.

It has a listening audience of the size you might expect.

As an experiment, it was—and is—interesting and it has been copied on the Continent.

The justification for it seems to be that it brings the personalities of the learned before a more general audience than they would otherwise meet. Apart from that, it produces exotic music (which is anyway available on record) and information of a kind to be found in scholarly books and journals.

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very exciting. They are not indeed supposed to be.

Furthermore, the critics say, the stuff produced for the Third Programme is not always very good. Who is going to produce serious senoritas for a fifteen-minute broadcast which will die with the flick of a switch?

The defenders on the other hand say that the communion provided between the learned and the public breaks down barriers, improves taste, and permits a kind of meeting of minds which would otherwise be impossible.

Take your pick. The B.B.C., to the accompaniment of loud noises, is taking its.

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RETURN OF THE CARD:

"The Times Educational Supplement" appeared this week with a front page picture of two very grubby schoolboys swapping cigarette cards.

Most of its readers probably thought they had been taken

back 20 years. The cigarette card disappeared with the war and tobacco shortage, and the manufacturers have resisted its return.

This week, however, it looked as though the big tobacco companies were going to have to admit defeat and return to the card.

Their sales have increased tenfold in four months.

The giant Imperial Tobacco Company, which sells three out of every four British cigarettes, let it be quietly known that it had cigarette cards on the way.

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30,000 TROOPS HUNT

Mr A. Z. Phizo

From STEPHEN HARPER: NEW DELHI

A SHORT, skinny, 57-year-old ex-schoolteacher is hunted today by 30,000 Indian troops because he refuses to call himself an Indian.

For more than a year A.Z. Phizo—he calls himself—has led an armed revolt in the jungle-covered Nag hills on the remote Indo-Burma frontier, fighting against Premier Nehru's attempts to Indianize him and his people.

The naked Nagas have reverted to the old custom of head-hunting.

He has a price of £370 on his head. His wife, daughter and son-in-law are in jail.

He is such an embarrassment to Nehru that the Premier is trying to keep the Nagas out of independence—a secret by banning reporters from the area.

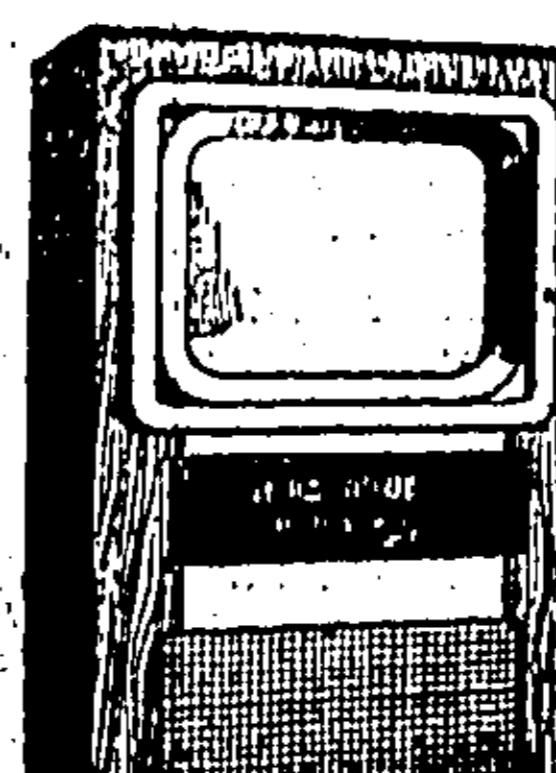
He wanted to argue his people's right to freedom. But Nehru would only agree to meet him as "Mr. India loyal to the Republic."

Phizo returned and went back to the jungle to fight.

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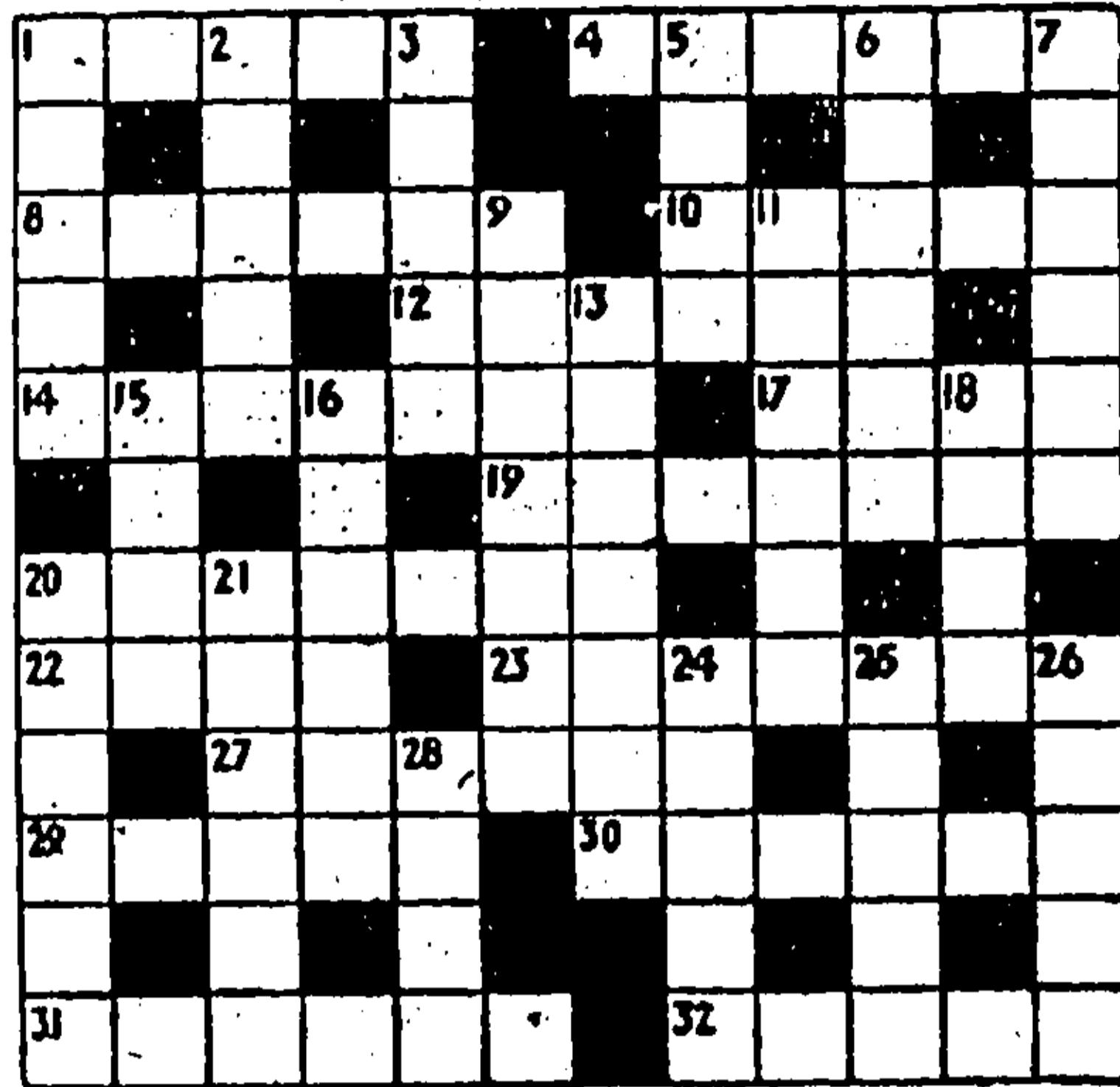
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| 3 "KNEE DEEP IN THE BLUES." Guy Mitchell, Philips. (3) | 8 "TRUE LOVE." Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly, Capitol. (7) |
| 4 "LONG TALL SALLY." Little Richard, London. (4) | 9 "GARDEN OF EDEN." Frankie Vaughan, Philips. (0) |
| 5 "DON'T YOU ROCK ME DADDY - O." Lonnie Donegan, Pye-Nixa. (5) | 10 "SINGING THE BLUES." Guy Mitchell, Philips. (8) |

This Chairborne Dynamo Count Basie

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CROSSWORD COLUMN

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Division (5).
4 Tent U.S. college grounds? (6).
8 Zeal (6).
10 Armistice (5).
12 Cycle (6).
4 Support for table (7).
17 Dispose of (4).
19 Charge with crime (7).
20 Repeat (7).
22 Valley (4).
23 Revising (7).
27 Offer (6).
30 Diminish (5).
31 Territory (9).
32 Suspend (6).
33 View (5).

FRIDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Spurious, 8 Plot, 9 Elevator, 11 Complete, 13 Brad, 15 Relented, 16 Director, 19 Deal, 21 Silenced, 23 Tormentor, 24 Paul, 27 Redomed. Down: 1 Epic, 2 Doom (rev.), 4 Pale, 5 Rave, 6 Outer, 7 Shred, 9 Elated, 10 Ether, 12 Obese, 14 Alone, 15 Timid, 17 Deter, 19 Deter, 20 Acrid, 21 Siste, 22 Lode, 23 Coal, 24 Dull.

DOWN

- 1 Begin (5).
2 Shelf (5).
3 Have confidence in (5).
5 Wine (4).
6 Hesitates (6).
7 Parlours (6).
9 Told (7).
11 Outcome (6).
13 Withdraw (7).
15 Scold (4).
16 Thoroughfare (6).
18 Spare (4).
20 Highest conceptions (6).
21 Necessitate (6).
24 Feitens (5).
25 Likeness (6).
26 Bottled spirit? (5).
28 Night (4).

"THERE'LL be no rock 'n' roll in my show," growled William "Count" Basie over the Trans-Atlantic telephone.

"I've been making jump music all my life—and I guess it's the only kind I can play. I'm too old to change my style now anyway."

I was phoning Basie in New York before he makes his first trip to Britain. As Basie has topped Big Band popularity polls in the States for the past two years, we can assume that his music has virtues that don't grow old.

He has been handeling with quite conspicuous success for over 29 years.

ELOQUENT PRAISE

MUSICIANS who aren't normally lavish in their praise rise to heights of eloquence on the subject of Basie's band.

"It's 20 times as good as it sounds on records," enthuses Ted Heath.

Basie kicks off his British tour with a concert at the Royal Festival Hall (a sell-out eight weeks ago) on the evening of his arrival—the first of 40 shows in 21 days.

This will be the first visit of an all-coloured American band since another of Harlem's aristocracy, Edward "Duke" Ellington, 23 years ago.

Basie's London concerts are practically a sell-out, but promotional bookings have been slower. That is possibly because the Basie orchestra lacks the teenage appeal of the seven-man rock-'n'-roll tornado unleashed on us by Bill Haley.

Yet Haley's Comets spoke of the Basie style with awe, "You simply HAVE to hear it," they said. "It's Powerhouse jazz."

Already the band has been dubbed Basie's Dynamos in America.

The 50-year-old Count leads his

orchestra from the piano stool. His squat, round figure bounces the band into its beat with a simple driving piano introduction.

He has the gift of imprinting his forceful music personality on the whole group without leaving his seat.

He is modest about his record sales and polite about rock 'n' roll.

"Record business sure is hot at the moment," he conceded. "But EVERYBODY'S selling records today. And don't get me wrong about rock-'n'-roll. I'm not against it. Sometimes it's pretty." Or perhaps he was being ironic.

SAD BILL HALEY

THEY say that familiarity breeds contempt. That certainly seems to be true so far as American recording artists are concerned. When Haley's Comets came to Britain, they were riding the crest of a popularity wave.

The delicious reception that the "bound" fans gave to Bill Haley might have threatened public safety, but it was a tremendous token of their enthusiasm.

They were buying his records so fast that the record factory couldn't cope with the demand.

Now Haley has been gone. Did his visit give an additional fillip to record sales? No. They have sagged alarmingly.

That might be because the young record buyers had been led to expect a riot of excitement from Haley's personal appearances by so much sensational advance publicity.

Or maybe the teenagers resented the way Bill eluded any form of demonstration after that frightening mobbing at Southampton and Waterloo.

Jumping But I recall that both Guy

Count leads his 15-piece

band

and Johnnie Ray

that may make one out of 32.



CHILL NIP

ELVIS PRESLEY certainly felt the nip in the chill February air. His Jack Frost turned out to be Harry Belafonte—the man who made America calypso-curious.

Cleveland, Ohio, (traditional), the barometer city of the record industry, reports: "Presley is cold. He's only mentioned as a joke by TV comes now."

And a nation-wide survey made this month in America shows that Belafonte has now pushed Presley in second place in record popularity.

Along Tin Pan Alley nowadays there are predictions that calypso will sweep the board in coming months—and counter-suggestions that it has been overrated.

Songs and musical crazes depend to a large extent on the stars who can push them into prominence and the catch is that no British calypso specialist of any real stature has emerged.

I have just heard the record

that may make one out of 32.

THE COUNT AT THE KEYBOARD.

year-old Frank Holder, the coloured singer who came to England from British Guiana as an R.A.F. man.

He stayed on after the war to

win talent contests and eventually joined Johnny Dankworth's band. On stage he was a

handful of records that he made

didn't tickle public fancy. His

new record is "Red Beans and Rice," and "Caterpillar Bush."

SHREWD MOVE

FRANK even anticipated the advent of a calypso boom by recording an I.P. of Trinidad songs a year ago. But sales

didn't amount to much.

Then recording impresario Dennis Preston persuaded him to try his luck on wax again and paid for a private recording session himself.

It turned out to be a shrewd move. Preston sold the master disc to Decca, who will be releasing it.

My verdict on "Red Beans." A first-rate and colourful effort that makes a strong challenge to the best from America—and that's the highest praise possible.

It confirms Holder's ability to deliver the West Indian songs with personality and beat. On this showing he has the field to himself when it comes to home-produced calypsos.

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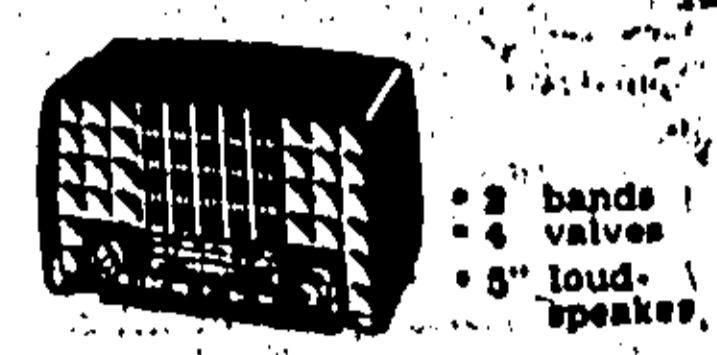
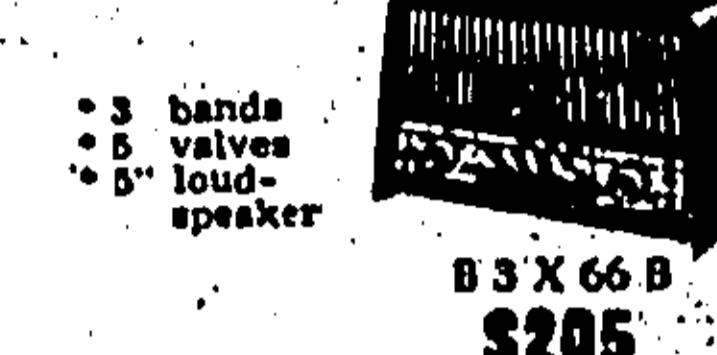
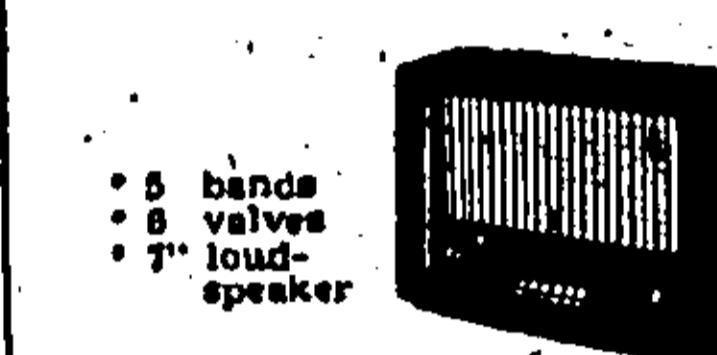
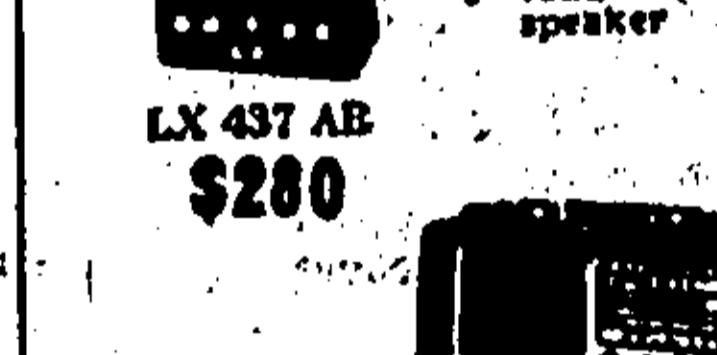
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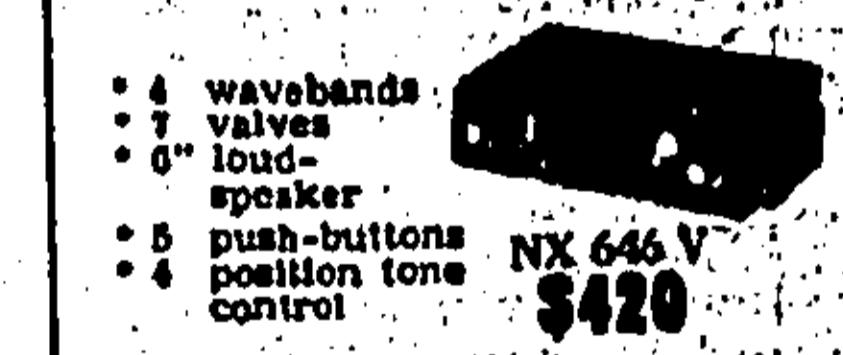
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It is with utmost regret that we have to advise that our Qantas pilots have gone on strike and that all Qantas services are consequently disrupted.

The issue is a simple one; the pilots, or rather their Association, demand more money and privileges than Qantas can give them without incurring losses, cutting services or increasing fares — or perhaps all three.

We are prepared to submit the matter to the Arbitration court. The pilots, or again their Association, will not agree and have decided to pin their faith on direct action, the results of which cannot be foreseen, could be disastrous to this Company and to the pilots themselves.

Qantas has always maintained that it is only as good as the people who work for it, and Qantas pre-eminent position in the world of international travel reflects the greatest credit on the 6,000 employees who serve it so loyally throughout the world. None of its employees stands in higher regard within the Qantas organisation than the pilots who fly its planes.

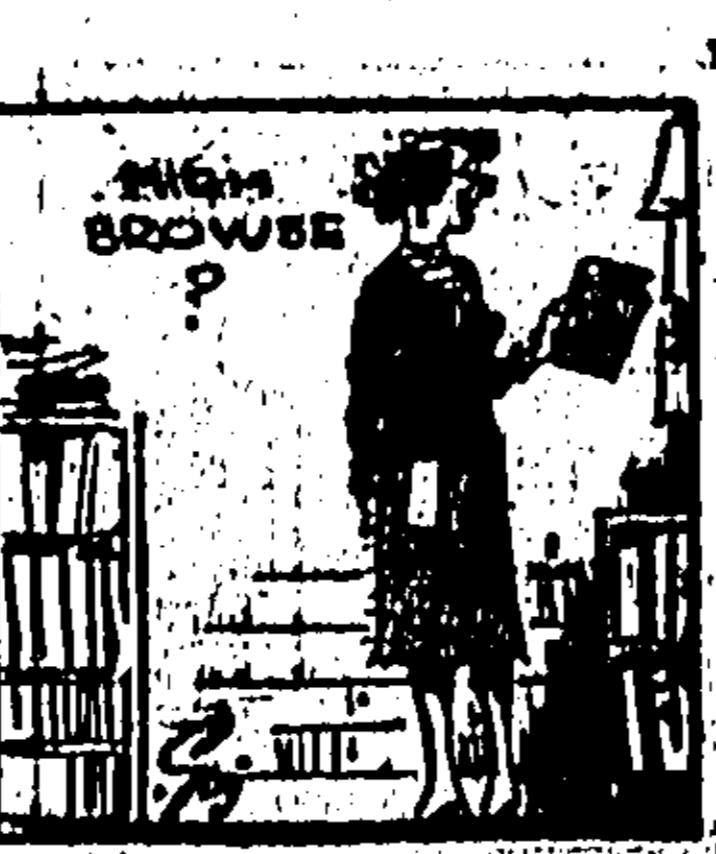
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SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

THE SENIOR SHIELD FINAL PROVIDES US WITH QUITE A FEW SOCCER TOPICS

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

"Never a dull moment". What a fitting motto that might make for Colony football. Whatever else we might level against the game in Hongkong we certainly cannot accuse it of being short of incidents.

We seem to get our share of every thing. Rumour, counter-rumour, accusation, counter-accusation, storming officials ... and of course the many strange things we see on the field of play.

Since I wrote my column last week I have had a fair sample of so many varieties of footballing affairs that I can honestly say it has been a most interesting ... and a very illuminating seven days.

Let us start with the Senior Shield Final which attracted nearly 30,000 spectators to the Hongkong Stadium last Sunday. I thought it was an excellent game and I thought too that the players put up a wonderful show in the most trying circumstances.

It is true, of course, that the final did not produce very much in the way of brilliant academic

soccer, but surely only the most impassionate spectators failed to respond to the thrills with which the whole 110 minutes abounded.

The fact that the game finished in a draw had led many people to make loose statements or wild accusations that the whole thing was a "fix" ... and that the teams would only go all out for victory on the second occasion because the reward would assure both clubs of a rich financial harvest.

I watched the play last Sunday with close attention and I want to go on record now with the opinion that if the South China and KMB players were willing parties to any sort of arrangement, then we are blessed with 22 of the world's greatest actors in our midst ... and the ambitious motion picture industry in the Colony has no need to look further for its future talent.

I have loved and lived football since the time I was big enough to kick a tin can or a tennis ball around the back streets of my Scottish home town; I have played the game in all sorts of places: I have watched it played by the footballers of many nations and I can only say I have seldom seen players put more into any game than the South China and KMB players did last Sunday.

All sorts of people with "red hot inside stories" have told me confidentially that things were not quite what they seemed ... and I can only say that ... if their information is as reliable as they would have me believe then Maurice Fogel's magnificent bullet catching act is only the second cleverest feat I have seen in recent weeks!

GRAVE INJUSTICE

I believe that a campaign such as we are hearing at the present time does grave injustice to the players. I know that my views will bring sympathetic handshakes from folks within and without the football circle, but I know too that they are shared by others who have an intimate appreciation of our complicated football affairs.

The terrible thing about giving a dog a bad name is that it is apt to become a permanent to be applied indiscriminately whenever the opportunity arises. I deplore such a practice. By all means let us say black is black when it is justified... but let us never be afraid to say white is white. Only against such a

BY NO MEANS OVER

The stories of the final are by no means over. It was decided officially earlier in the week that the replay would take place on Friday, April 19. This date was apparently selected as the most suitable in the light of the overall commitments which still have to be met in an already heavy programme schedule.

If current stories are to be believed... and I think there is more than a shade of truth in them... then the game may not be played on the agreed date. According to the stories KMB are campaigning to have the replay postponed to a later date because they have two or three key players on the injured list.

One must ask if such a move is justified by the circumstances or if it fits in with what has happened in recent years.

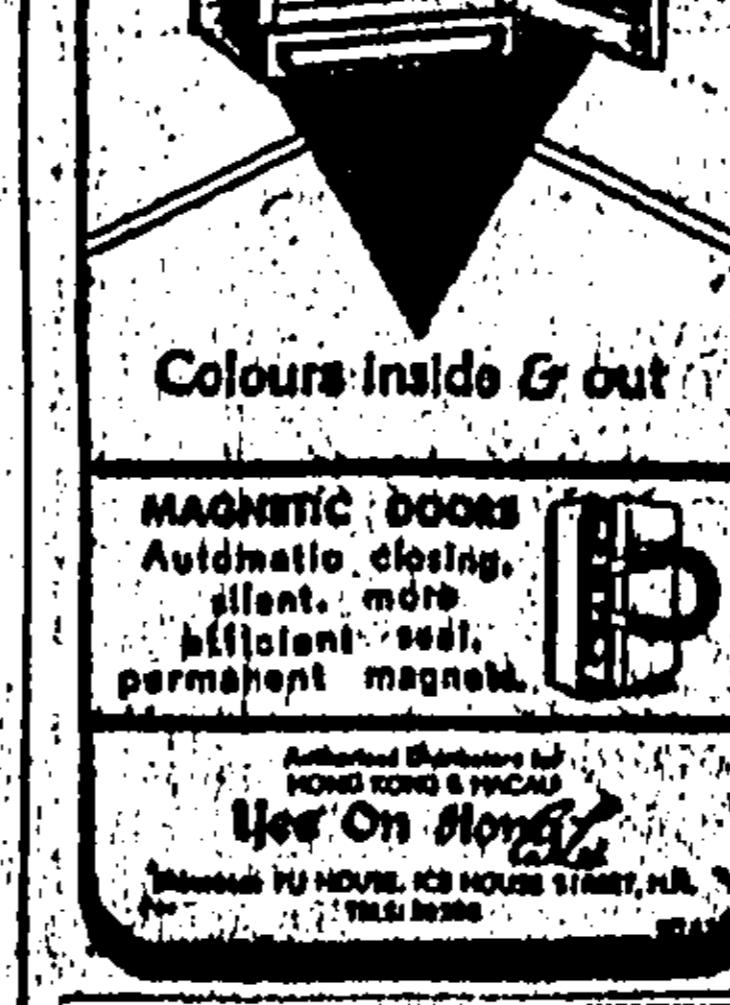
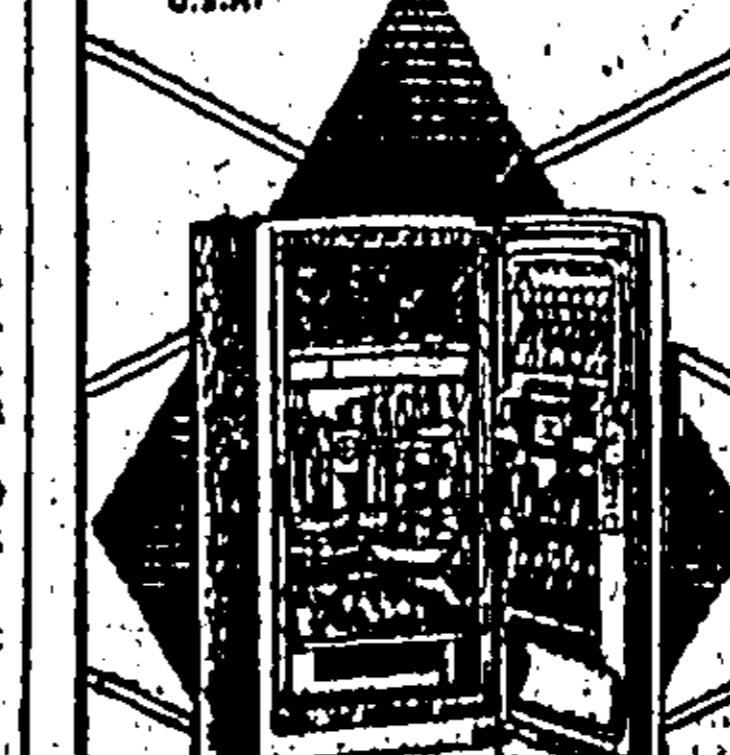
First of all I should explain that the present tales also have it that South China are ready to agree to a postponement of the match... but more of that in a moment.

Personally I do not believe that individual clubs should

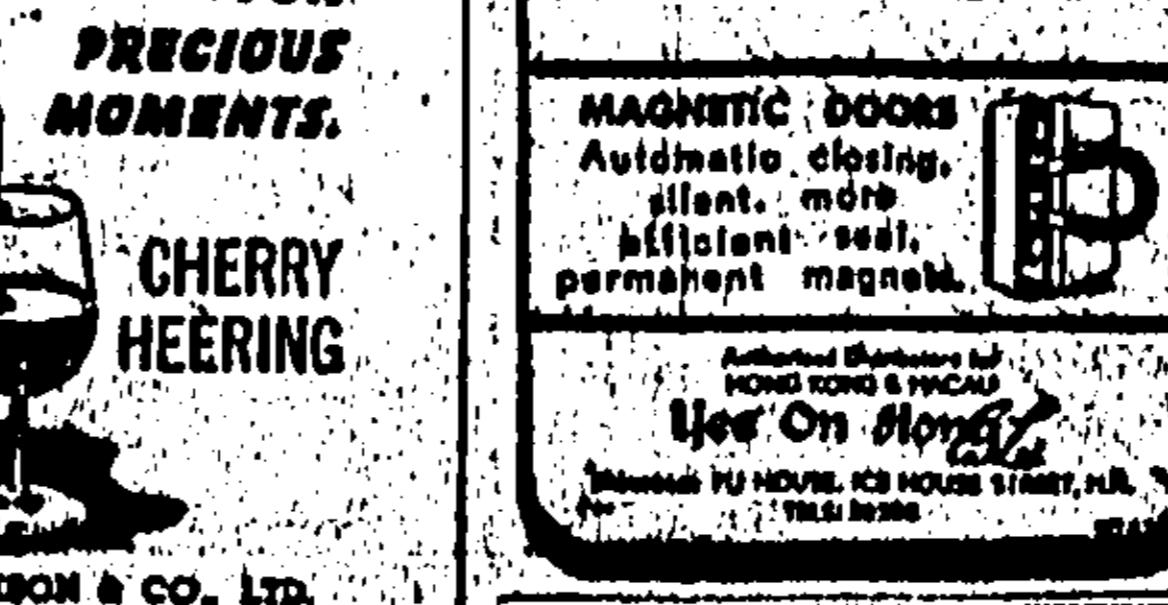
1. In which sports are the following terms used: Puck, dormy, and yorker?
2. In which game might you take two steps?
3. In which sport is a player allowed to carry the ball four steps without bouncing it?
4. In which sport is a player allowed to carry the ball three steps without bouncing it?
5. Can a horse win the Derby two years in succession?
6. Which races make up the Triple Crown of English horse racing?
7. Which annual race in Britain starts at a bridge and finishes at a brewery?
8. Which is the greater distance, that between a pitcher and batter in baseball or between a bowler and batsman in cricket?
9. English sportsman in the 19th century is Eric Evans. What has he done?
10. In which game might 3-4-1 be opposed to 3-2-3?

(Answers See Page 17)

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have any say — other than through the vote of his representative on the Council — on what is important or not, played... especially when that game happens to be the Senior Shield Final or its replay.

I know that if I viewed supercilious such an attitude might appear to be unsporting, particularly as the present situation is said to be occasioned by injuries to players, but when the tall starts wagging the dog it is time to call a halt... no matter how powerful the tall might be.

How much substance there is in the present stories I cannot say, I have been told about them, several people in various circumstances, and it may be that exaggeration has played its part in colouring the whole thing beyond measure... but those who follow Colony football closely will recall that when the Army bronched the subject of a change of date for the Senior Shield Final a couple of years ago they found precious little sympathy for their proposition... and their opponents on that occasion were South China!

It would be foolish, of course, to pretend that his stay in Hongkong has been roses all the way. He has had his share of difficulties and he has had his bad days too... and I'm sure he must still recall with a shudder the Sino-Tai-O-Army game in the 1955-56 season when the outbursts in the press about the conduct of some of the Tigers' players and Mr Tucker's refereeing was far from complimentary.

However, criticism and praise have always been accepted as they have been given... without bitterness and without pomposity. Such is the hallmark of a sportsman we can ill afford to lose.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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Saturday 20th and Monday 22nd April, 1957

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 24 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon each day.

The Tiffin Interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

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MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

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The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$48.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, Chater Road and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day of the Race Meeting.

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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 18th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

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The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby, scheduled to be run on 11th May, 1957, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office.

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By Order of the Stewards
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

FOUR TOP TEAMS OF THE SENIOR "A" DIVISION WILL BE SEEN IN ACTION

By "TIME OUT"

With the end of the season rapidly approaching, the results of Senior "A" games over the week-end will present fans with a clearer picture of the eventual contenders for the year's Championship.

Mathematically-minded supporters will no doubt be looking forward to a three or four-way tie for the title. No matter how things turn out, at least one thing is certain—a high standard of softball will be seen as the four top teams of the Senior Division will be seen in action.

The curtain rises on the battle of "slow-ballers" will take place as P. C. Wong, veteran hurler for the Warriors, and here an intriguing situation presents itself. "Goose" Wong, the playboy of the Warriors, is still nursing a very sore arm and will in all probability do outside duty.

Mentor Hank Killeen has the unenviable task of finding a reliable substitute to take over hurling chores. With no reserves to draw on, the nod will probably go to Jimmy Chang, who did such a commendable job on the mound last week for part of the game against the Saints, but mentor Killeen may come up with a surprise starter.

Whoever does mound duty for the tribe will have no fears as the other half of the battery will see none other than George "Juicy" Ribeiro lending a guiding mitt.

Joey "Harken" Reis has an indisputable claim on first base with mentor Killeen himself on second and steady Dick Chaves at the hot corner. That base stealer par excellence, Stephen Xavier will plug up the gap to complete the defence. Al Oliveira, Terry Ewins and probably "Goose" Wong will patrol the outfield.

TEMPERAMENTAL LOT

The South China squad are now languishing at the bottom of the League table but the Caroliners are a very temperamental lot and can be of much nuisance value when least expected as witness the surprisingly stiff fight put up by them against the Blackhawks recently.

If Jimmy Chang should hoist the flag for the Warriors, a

favour and, barring complications, should account for the Jocys.

WELL BALANCED

On the other hand, Blmbg Abalong's boys are never to be underrated as they make up a well balanced side which seldom flusters under the most severe pressure. Old timer like Dave "Bomblino" Lewis, "Mighty Mite" Art Ozorio, Slerry Bux and Meme Xavier can still show the Hawks a trick or two and with youngsters like Jock Colaco, the Ismail brothers and Salleh supplying the speed on the baselines, the Jocys will be out to prove that their previous triumph over the Hawks was no fluke.

The CAA side complete their fixtures for the season when the Athletics boys take on two tough customers in the Blackhaws and the Pandas, which task should prove too much for them. Although not conceded an outside chance against such formidable opposition, the Athletics side can take consolation in the fact that, even with another two almost-certain losses racked up against them, they can look forward to another season in the Seniors as they will still be one game ahead of their nearest rivals for the wooden spoon.

Although the Met's Junior Championship has been tucked safely away by the Seminoles, some outstanding games will still have to be played off by the rest of the teams in the Junior League and there is a full programme mapped out for them. In addition to League matches, some of the juniors will be competing in a knockout series starting tomorrow.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer

1st Division: Club v Army (Club), South China v Kwong Wah (CH), Kitchee v Navy (Navy), KMB v RAF (BS), all matches at 5 p.m.

Reserve Division: Club v Army (Club), KMB v RAF (BS) at 3.30 p.m.

2nd Division: Gymnastic v Jardine (CH) 3.30 p.m.; REME v Prisons (Navy), Takoo v Solicitors (HV) all matches at 3.30 p.m.

3rd Division: Kin Godown v Redfission, 3.30 p.m.; RIL v CMB 5 p.m.; Mercantile v Hollandia, at Happy Valley 5 p.m.

Hockey

Ladies': Gremilins v Rest of Colony at Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.

Shoot

Smallbore Rifle League, HK Gun Club range.

Answers To

Sports Quiz

- Ice-hockey, golf and cricket.
- Cricket, it is a guard-a-batman might take.
- A goalkeeper in soccer.
- A basketball player.
- No. Only three-year-old horses are allowed to compete.
- Derby, 2,000 Guineas and St. Leger.
- The Boat Race, from Putney Bridge to Mortlake Brewery.
- The distance between the pitcher and the home plate in baseball is 60 1/4 feet. A cricket pitch is 60 feet long.
- He was captain of the English rugby team which has just won the Triple Crown.
- Rugby. They are different scrum formations.

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

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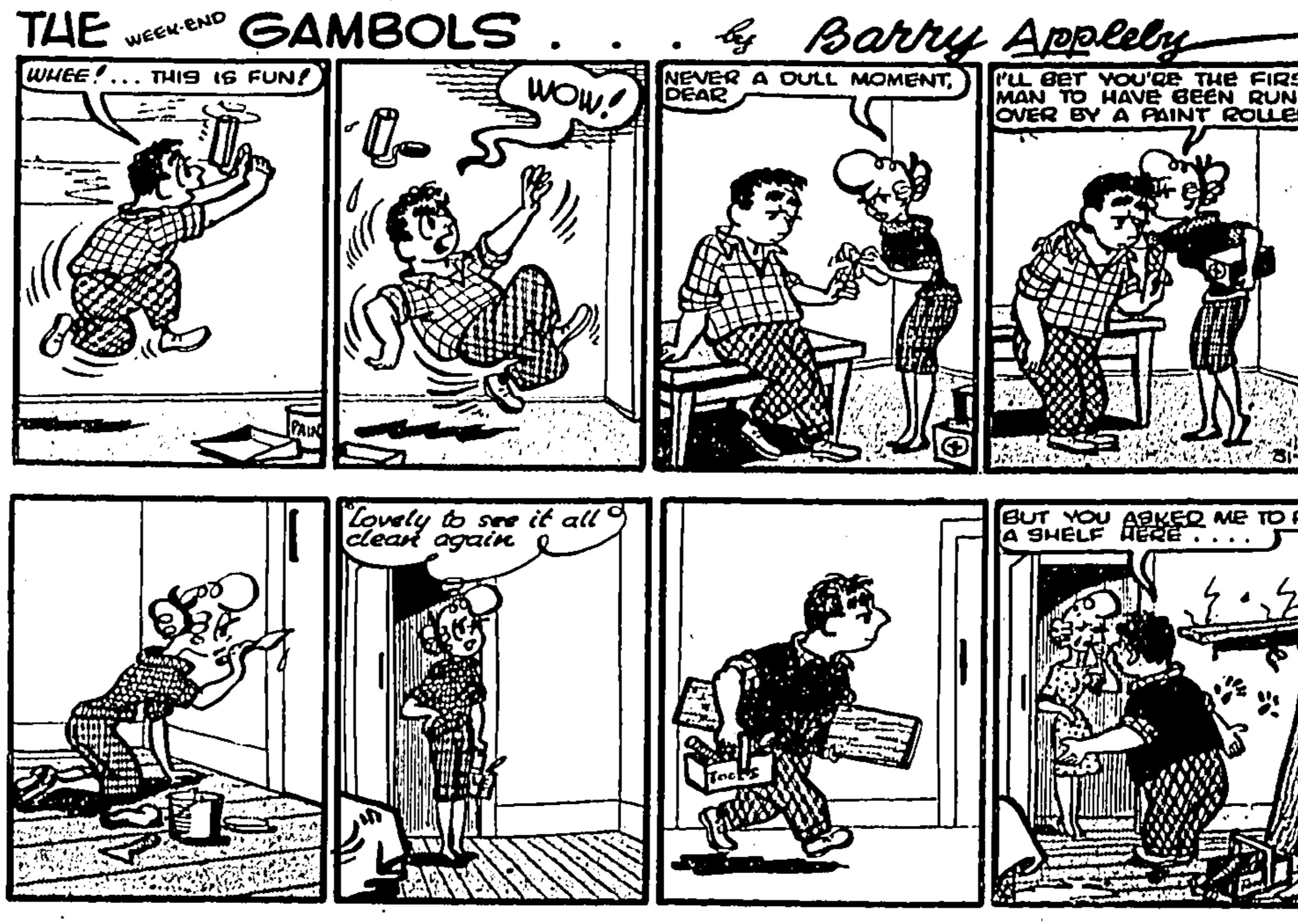
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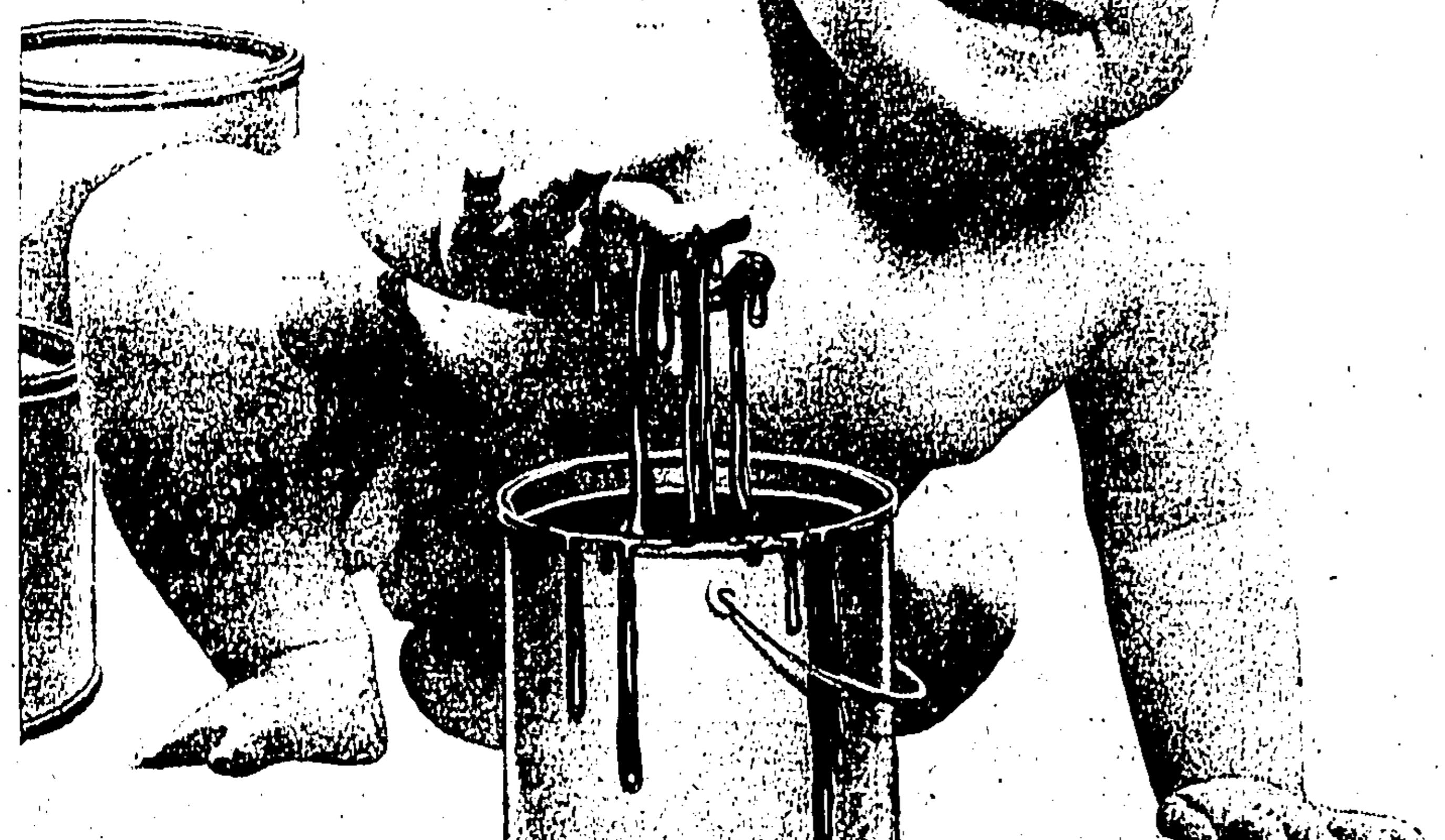
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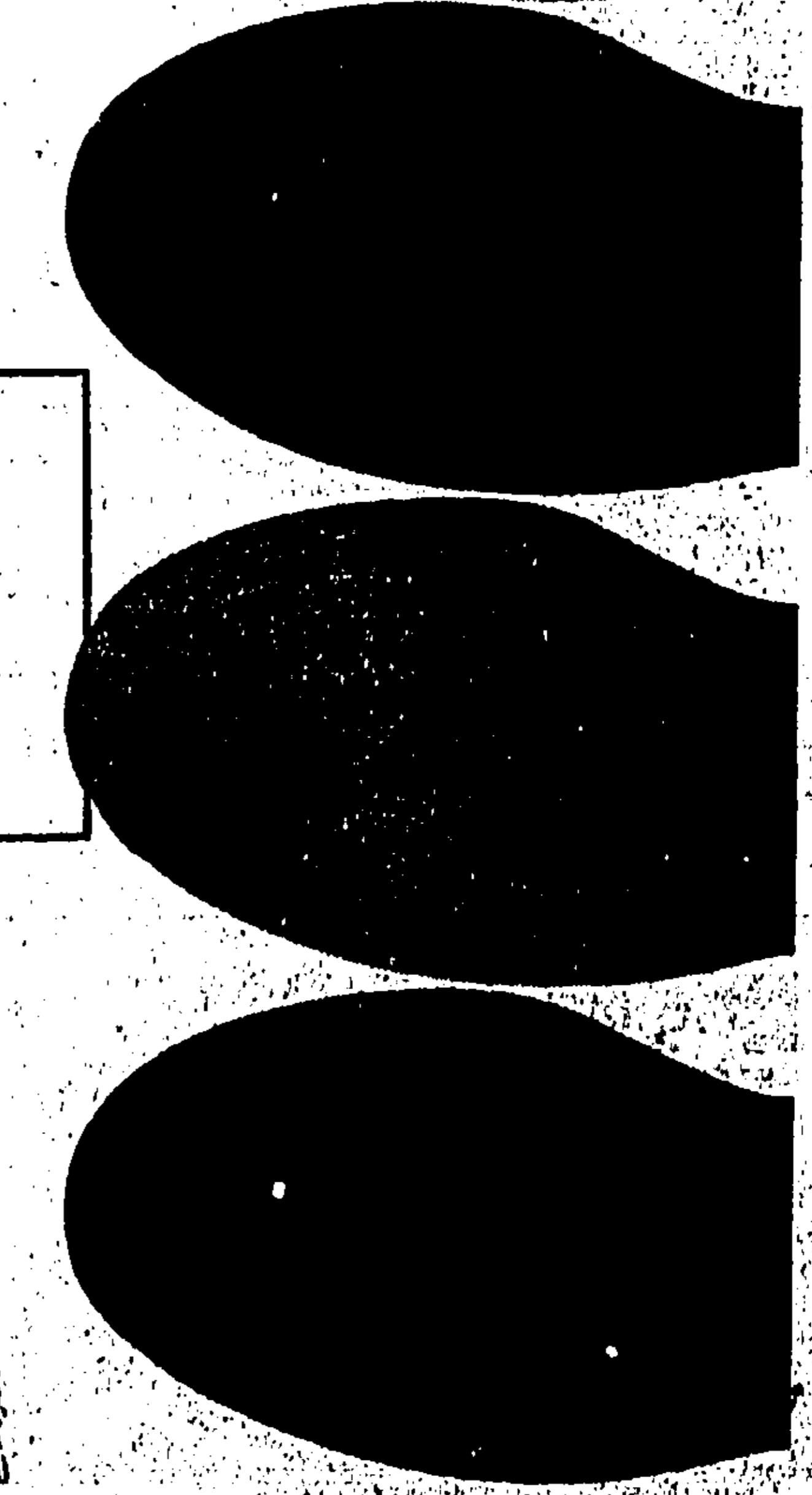
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He jumps from a plane a few seconds after the human paratrooper and so reaches spots otherwise inaccessible. When he lands, his chute is removed and he's off to the rescue.

WEEKLY CLASS

Of course some of our dogs have long been obedience-trained, but not usually in institutions of higher learning. Recently the A.S.P.C.A. organized a weekly class at New York's Irving High School to train both dogs and owners in proper conduct.

What an eyeful the dog of Irving's Rip Van Winkle would get if he could watch the canines of the Atomic Age study for their diplomas!

The New York Public Library has opened its branch buildings to dogs.

It has been found that if they are left outside, they are noisy. But once admitted, perhaps impressed by the long shelves full of wisdom, they are more quiet and better-behaved than some of the children.

It may soon be common enough to see a pooh browing among the dog books or carrying a basketful of deeper tomes for his master.

But let's hope these new patrons won't get too bookish.

A dog that had forgotten how to bark and jump wouldn't be much fun.

Horses share in the modern trend. At Spring Lake, New Jersey, thoroughbreds may enter a health clinic.

It includes a therapy room with a 250,000-volt X-ray machine and radioactive ore for their aches and pains, a laboratory well stocked with oversized aspirin tablets as well as antibiotics, and an operating room.

Even the convalescence of the equine patient is provided, with paddocks called play pens, covered with deep, loose sand.

The owner of the clinic says that if a horse is kept in a stall all day it gets moody, so he can roll outdoors in soft sand, he's happy as a colt. He will need no psychiatrist.

STYLISH "SHOES"

Ankleton 3203, a U.S.\$50,000 Black Angus bull, has pneumonia and was placed in an oxygen tent, with six units of blood a day at U.S.\$15 a unit. What would old Babbie, owing in grandfather's cow pasture—have thought of that?

Horse-shoes have been styled up. A swanky farrier may be summoned to fly a thousand miles to shoe a valuable thoroughbred.

More than half the shoes used now are of aluminum and are put on colts—no tang or binding hook in the heel, as in the days of the village smithy.

Race horses wear steel shoes between races, then are shifted to the lighter aluminum. The animal feels the difference and runs fast, just as we often walk more nimbly in light-weight shoes.

HENRIETTA COULDN'T CACKLE

By FAYE C. WALKER

HENRIETTA was a little brown hen who had been born without a voice. Even when she was very small she wondered and worried about it.

When the other little chicks were hungry, they said "Cheep, cheep," and they were fed. When they were sleepy, they said "Peep, peep," and they were put to bed.

But Henrietta could not say these things. In fact, Henrietta had never been heard to utter a sound.

She tried very hard indeed, but it seemed as if the harder she tried, the more she simply could not do it.

One day when Henrietta was several weeks old, she got lost from her mother. To make matters worse, it started to rain.

Henrietta huddled under a large rhubarb leaf and shivered.

"Cheep, cheep!" she thought miserably. "What in the world am I ever going to do?"

Henrietta decided to try just once more. She poked her head out from under the rhubarb leaf, calling voicelessly to her mother, and this time something happened.

Nothing came out, but something certainly came in—a great mouthful of rainwater.

"Gulp!" gulped Henrietta, and swallowed it. By the time she finished choking and sputtering the rain had stopped.

Now Henrietta may have been dumb, but she was no deaf, so she listened. A moment later, to her great joy, she heard a welcome voice.

"Cluck, cluck," it said. "Where are you, my little one?"

And out ran Henrietta from under her rhubarb leaf, happy as a lark.

Henrietta's mother shook her head. "Dear me!" she exclaimed.

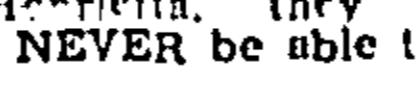
"I don't know what I am ever going to do about you, Henrietta." But Henrietta could tell that her mother was happy she had been found.



THE NEXT DAY Mother Brown Hen perched on a fence rail, with Henrietta on the grass in front of her. "Say cheep-cheep," she coaxed pleadingly. But Henrietta could only open her mouth and blink her eyes.

"I was so sure," she meowed to herself. "I was so SURE I could cackle if I laid an egg, Oh, whatever shall I do?"

But of course Henrietta did lay other eggs, many of them. And each day she tried to cackle, but there was never even the slightest suggestion of a cackle.



THEN ONE DAY, when Henrietta had just laid an exceptionally fine, large egg, she happened to look up. There in the doorway of the henhouse, flapping her wings wildly and losing few tail feathers in her scramble to escape.

Then all at once she heard a voice cockling. "Cut-cut-cut, cut-a-hair-cut! Cut-cut-cut, cut-a-crow-cut! Cut-cut-cut, cut-a-cut-cut!"

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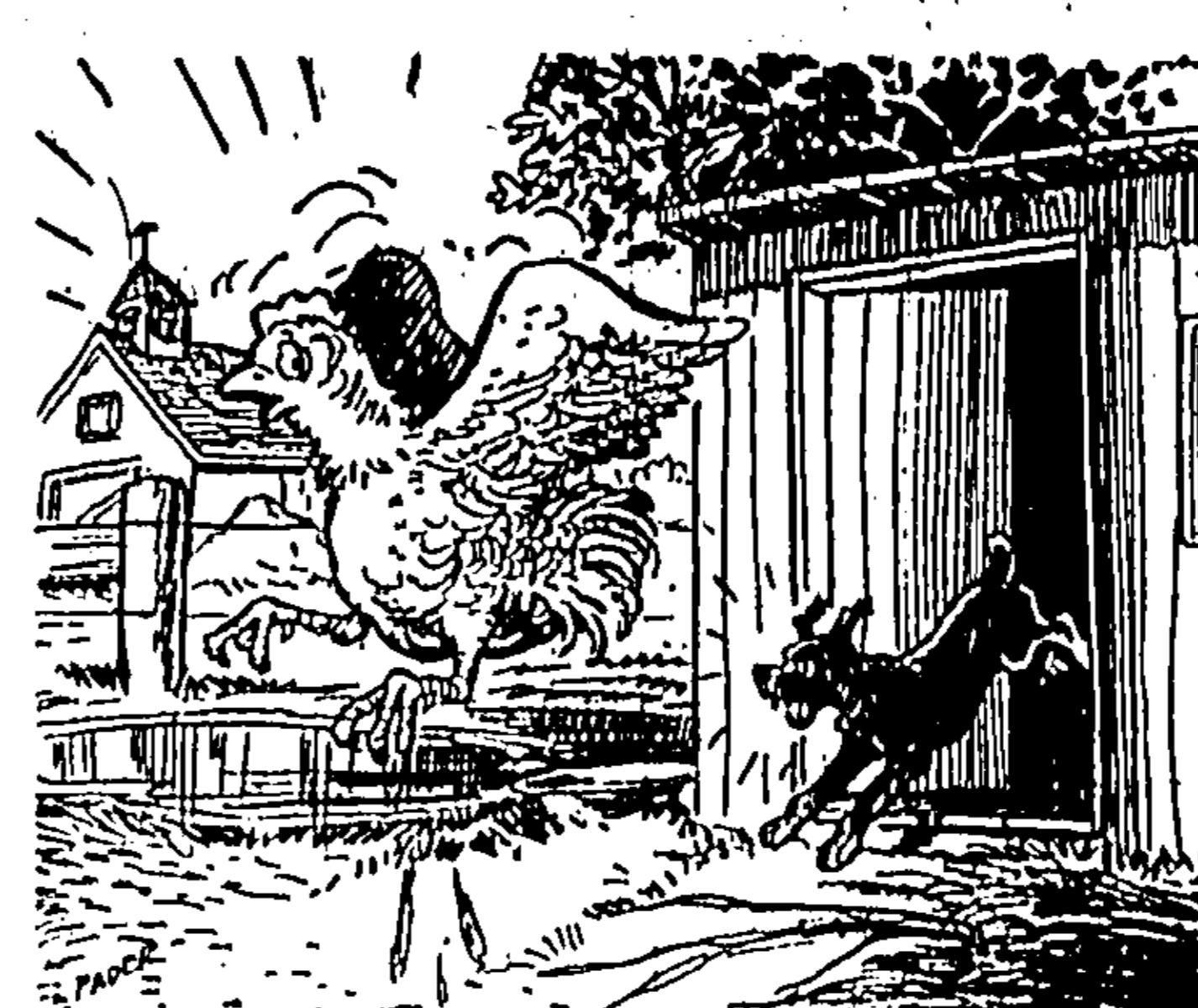
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"Bow-wow!" barked the dog. "Bow-wow-wow!"



and barks. When a cat is happy, it purrs. When a hen is happy, it cackles.

Or ought to cackle.

But Henrietta could not. She had never cackled that first time, and, what was worse, she guessed she never would.

"Gr-r-r," growled the dog, baring its sharp teeth at Henrietta. "Gr-r-r." Then suddenly it leaped.

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Mystery Of Easter Isle Is Unsolved

MANY years ago, Jacob Roggeveen, the Dutch explorer, discovered a new island. In honour of him, this island was named the Easter Island.

The island is only 11 miles long, and is situated in the South Pacific 1,000 miles from any other island and 2,000 miles west of Chile. The natives on this island are grim and unfriendly and the land is bleak, with little grass and no trees. The craters of many ancient volcanoes dot the barren plains of Easter Island, which has also been called the "Island of Death."

STONE HEADS

Scattered all over the island are hundreds of statues of huge faces carved in stone. They all have protruding lips, huge noses, deep-set eyes, high foreheads, and long ears. Each head is about 80 feet high and weighs from 80 to 80 tons.

The workshop where these gigantic statues were made has been found in one corner of the island, high up in the crater of a volcano. Over 150 unfinished statues lie about, showing that the sculptors who were working on the statues had to leave their work in a hurry. Some of the statues lie on their backs, and some lie on their faces. Many of them, however, stand upright facing the sea or the barren land around them.

Water Has A Skin

DID you know that water, just like you, has a skin? Oh, you would like to prove it?

Very well. Fill a glass full with water. Now, very gently place a needle flat upon the surface of the water, being careful not to wet the needle.

Yes, the needle floats. And it floats because of a "skin" on top of the water called surface tension.

This skin is formed by all the particles of water—so small they are invisible—holding together and holding to the particles of water beneath them. Thus, the "skin".

Willy Learns A Lesson

Now He Knows That Toads Shouldn't Act Like Ducks

By MAX TRELL

THIS is the story that Chirpie Sparrow told Knarf and Handi, the shadow children when he turned-about names, when he came to the window sill for his bread crumbs.

"It all happened last summer," Chirpie said, "but I just heard about it yesterday. It's about Willy Toad and Mrs Quack, the Duck."

Knarf and Handi said they had never heard the story about Willy Toad and Mrs Quack, the Duck. So, after swallowing a few more crumbs, Chirpie began as follows:

"For the past few weeks, now that the weather has turned warm, Mrs Quack has been going down to the pond with her large family of little Quackies."

He Was Puzzled

"Quackies?" said Knarf in a puzzled voice.

Chirpie nodded. "Ducklings," he said. "Little ducks. Mrs Quack called them Quackies."

"Well," continued Chirpie, "Mrs Quack was teaching her Quackies how to paddle about in the water, and to tip over with their tails up, and their bills down in order to find food among the weeds growing on the bottom of the pond. She was also teaching them to keep quacking to each other whenever they thought they might be getting lost."

"They've learned quite quickly—I mean, quickly," Mrs Quack was saying to Willy Toad whom she met on the way to the pond.

"They paddle beautifully and call to each other loudly, but they still need some practice muddling for things at the bottom."

Hard To Do

"I guess that must be pretty hard to do," Willy said.

"It is," Mrs Quack agreed. "It's like learning to stand on your head, except that it's even harder because your head is under water."

"Mrs Quack glanced at him for a moment. Then she said: 'Perhaps not... perhaps not... Come, children... there's the pond now! A fat worm to the first one who ducks himself in!'"

"With that, all the Quackies ran. The next moment, they were paddling about near the edge of the bank. Their mother joined them and soon they were all tipping and seesawing in the water.

"Quite a few neighbours gathered under the willow tree to watch. There was Croak, the Frog, and Christopher Cricket and Blinky Mole."

"Very good... very good!" Blinky was saying. "That's quite a trick, standing on your head under water."

"I don't think it's so hard," Willy told Mrs Quack.

"Mrs Quack glanced at him for a moment. Then she said: 'Perhaps not... perhaps not... Come, children... there's the pond now! A fat worm to the first one who ducks himself in!'"

"That's being foolish, Willy," Christopher Cricket warned him. "It might be easy to go down but..."

Big Splash

"He didn't get through for, at that instant there was a splash as Willy sprang off the bank head first into the pool."

"Look! Willy's standing on his head all right!" Blinky cried. "His feet are up in the air!"

"What's he doing that for?" Christopher Cricket added.

"The next moment, Willy began kicking his legs."

"Humph..." quacked Mrs Quack. "I know what that means. He's stuck in the mud."

"Then Mrs Quack, who was one of the finest divers in the world, sprang into the water and taking Willy's legs in her mouth, pulled him out."

"Willy was covered with mud, from his head to his shoulders. He had to stand under a waterfall for ten minutes before he began looking clean again."

"Personally, I like to do my wading in the fountain," Chirpie said to Knarf and Handi. "But toads shouldn't try to act like ducks."

Then Chirpie ate the last of his crumbs and flew away.

FUN WITH GAMES

AN EGG RACE

EMPTY eggshells by blowing out the egg through a small pin hole. Make a darning needle hole in one end and a pin hole in the other, then blow.

Give an eggshell to each player. Line the contestants at a starting line and have them race their eggs across the floor or across a table by blowing and fanning them. The egg may not be touched by hand. It will zigzag toward the goal.

The player with the highest score wins. The number of points for each player will be determined by the number of players and the time which can be given to the game.

GOOD TRAITS

In spite of all his bad traits, the great horned owl arouses admiration for his qualities of courage and wild freedom.

Sometimes these owls are found nesting as early as January but more often in February and early March.

They guard their eggs closely, even if snow should cover both them and the nest.

It, after a snowstorm, the owl should be driven away from her nest, it may be found covered with snow surrounding the imprint of her body, showing where she faithfully outstayed the weather.

Usually the owls remodel an old nest of a hawk or crow, adding a sparse lining of evergreen leaves and feathers from their own bodies as a finishing touch. Two eggs are usually laid, although sometimes three or four are found.

Despite its many shortcomings, this owl has some good traits. Don't you think so?"

—ROY L. WARREN

cubes all at one time. If he can spell a word from any of the letters which he turns up, he scores 10 points for each letter in his word.

For example, suppose he rolls S-U-R-E-E-D-A-T-S. One word in that combination is T-E-A-S-E-S for a score of 80 points. Another is S-T-A-R-E-S which also scores 60 points. Only one word may be scored for each roll, so the player tries to make the longest word possible for his combination of letters.

The player with the highest score wins. The number of points for each player will be determined by the number of players and the time which can be given to the game.

GUESS WHICH

Can you tell which eggs are hardboiled and which are not without cracking the shell?

Spin an egg with the pointed end

JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

AS GOOD AS A FEAST

ON two days in succession Ted was seen to steal a small packet of biscuits from a chain-store. On the second day he was caught. And at Bow Street, before Sir Laurence Dunn, he pleaded guilty to the thefts.

From the dock, he drew a picture of what life is like for those without job, home, family, or friends—and did this without losing a shred of his dignity, without a suspicion of whining over his misfortunes.

PECKISH

TED is a heavy-jowled, ill-looking man of 45, who until 1955 was in regular work as a labourer. Then, on a whim, he switched from labouring to kitchen-work in hotels and restaurants. Seven weeks ago illness put him out of work, and from then let him tell the story:

"It's like this," Ted said. "John isn't easy to get, and when you live in the reception centre, where I had to go, they give you board, but you get a bit peckish on what you get to eat."

"What do you get?" Sir Laurence asked.

"Breakfast's porridge," Ted said, "had sometimes a slice of meat and a pin of tea and two slices of bread and a little knob of marge. That's all there, is till supper."

HELP

AFTER breakfast," he went on, "you have to do two hours' work for your keep, then they send you out, and you can't go back till 5.45."

"What about supper?"

"A pint of soup," Ted said, "two slices of bread and another little knob of marge."

Sir Laurence consulted a probation officer, who said he thought Ted was entitled to unemployment pay, and that he would be glad to help him get that, and to find a new job and somewhere to live.

"Very well," said Sir Laurence, and turning to Ted he asked: "If I put you on probation, will you co-operate?"

"Will I? I certainly will," Ted answered, and a wide grin spread across his face. He might have come into a fortune, in a sense, perhaps he had.

World Champ Considering New Bout

Kansas City, Apr. 12. The manager of the world heavyweight boxing champion, Floyd Patterson, is considering a British offer for a world title bout in London against Cuban heavyweight, Nino Valdes.

Patterson's manager, Gus Damato, said in Kansas City today that there were several obstacles to a Patterson-Valdes title fight in London, but that the offer—made by British matchmakers, Jack Solomon and Harry Levine—was being examined.

He pointed out that Hurricane Jackson was still the logical number one challenger for the world crown and that world championship boxing matches could not by law normally take place in Britain between two boxers neither of whom was British-France-Presse.

Challenger Leading

Paris, Apr. 12. The 16th of the 24 game chess championship series ended in a draw after the 55th move between the world title holder, Mikhail Botvinnik, and challenger, Vassily Smyslov at Moscow today. The Tass news agency reported.

Smyslov now leads Botvinnik by 8.5 points to 7.5 in the championships. The 17th game starts tomorrow.—France-Presse.

STASSEN HAS CONCRETE PLAN Inspection System To See That Fissionable Material Only For Peace

Mr Harold Stassen and Mr Valerian Zorin, United States and Soviet delegates to the five-power United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee, have held a private separate meeting here outside the current sub-committee sessions, usually reliable sources said today.

The sources were unable to give details of what they discussed, but said the two men met privately a few days ago and not at Lancaster House, scene of the regular daily sub-committee sessions.

The other members of the sub-committee are Britain, France and Canada.

Recent meetings of the sub-committee were reported to have shown the British and French reacting coolly to American suggestions on reducing conventional armaments, while the Russians expressed interest in the suggestions and said they were worthy of study.

Discussion has been shelved, but not terminated, on the previous two items—nuclear tests, and reduction in conventional armaments.

The main speaker at today's meeting, Mr Stassen, was stated to have proposed a concrete plan for nuclear disarmament.

This would be accomplished in two phases—ten per cent reduction in the first year, followed by a 15 per cent reduction in the second.

Genuine Interest

The British and French were reported to have lined up on a different approach. This is that maximum permitted levels of stocks of arms and military equipment should first be fixed for each country. The countries would reduce towards them.

Last weekend reports began circulating in conference circles that the Russians were genuinely interested in Mr Stassen's suggestions and were prepared to make concessions if the West did likewise.

An American Embassy official declined to confirm or deny whether the two men had met, but said if they had done so, the meeting would be officially described as "routine."

A Soviet Embassy official said that any meeting between

UPRISING NIPPED IN BUD

Vienna, Apr. 12. A group of "Counter Revolutionaries" planning a new armed uprising was arrested yesterday in Hungary according to the Hungarian official paper Nepszabadsag.

It said the leader of the group was Janos Gyenge who had in his possession a radio transmitter and other technical equipment.

Gyenge had planned to provoke a new armed uprising and to overthrow the Communist Regime the newspaper said.

Russia's Views

At the same time, Mr Zorin reiterated the Soviet stand that there should be an immediate ban on nuclear tests.

In addition, he was quoted as saying that a disarmament agreement could only be reached if no nuclear weapons were sent to non-producing countries.

Observers took this to be a reference to the planned dispatch by the United States of nuclear weapons to other NATO members.

M. Jules Moch, French delegate, suggested that nuclear disarmament should go hand in hand with a substantial measure of disarmament in conventional weapons.

The British delegate, Commander Allan Noble, was expected to make his views on nuclear disarmament known at the sub-committee's next meeting on Monday.—China Mail Special.

Few Objectors

Bonn, Apr. 12. Only 517 conscientious objectors were registered among the 100,000 19-year-olds who have been conscripted for the West German forces this year, the Defence Ministry said today.

It gave these figures in reply to a statement last week by the Association of Conscientious Objectors that 4,000 applications had been filed.

So far, 49 applications had been approved and 14 rejected, the ministry said.—China Mail Special.

DARTWORDS SOLUTION

FOLLOW Dog Watches Eyes White White Paper Capes Sauces Check Joint Fowl Wolf Lure Arms Malone Dolly Jolly Roger Bonhater Summer Sunbeam Sausage Sausage Sausage Sausage Full Weight Waller Waller Waller Very Many May Nuts Shun Slub Tub Brew Own Roan Joan John Bull King Charles Charles Arm Yards.

Port Said, Apr. 12. A total of 10 ships passed through the Suez Canal today flying the Japanese, Greek, Italian, Costa Rican, Panamanian, German and Russian flags.—China Mail Special.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Can't you stay home today and drive me to the apparel sales? I haven't bought a thing for our vacation in August!"

REBEL CELL IN ALGERIA DECAPITATED

Algiers, Apr. 12. French security forces today decapitated the elusive Algerian rebel political-administrative cell of the city of Constantine while rebel activity remained light throughout Algeria.

Its main features were that a group of technicians from the five countries composing the sub-committee should meet on September 1 to organise an inspection system which would supervise further production of fissionable material, to ensure that it was used only for peaceful purposes.

The system would begin to be set up on March 1, 1958, as soon afterwards as possible, it stated, by then not having ratified the international agreement, which would have to be signed on its establishment.

The inspection system would start to operate within one month after being fully set up, Mr Stassen was reported to have said.

Objectives

Mr Stassen was described as listing the following five objectives which his plan aimed at achieving:

★ 1. To stop the production of fissionable material for military purposes.

★ 2. To set up effective international supervision.

★ 3. To ensure that future production of fissionable material was for peaceful purposes only.

★ 4. To begin the transfer of nuclear material from military to non-military stockpiles.

★ 5. To avoid the spread of nuclear weapon production to countries which did not now have a nuclear industry of their own.

Mr Zorin, who spoke next, was said to have avoided direct criticism of Mr Stassen, but to have indicated that he would have more to comment on the American proposal at a later meeting.

Russia's Views

Newbury, Apr. 12. Greek shipowner Mr Stravros Niarchos' Pipe of Peace, a strong fancy for the Newmarket 2,000 guineas and Epsom Derby, won the valuable Greenham Stakes here this afternoon—but only by a short head.

Making his first appearance of the season, Pipe of Peace headed Major Dermot McElroy's Crampon in the last few strides of the seven furlongs race for a victory worth £1,522.

Pipe of Peace, first winner of the season for trainer Sir Gordon Richards, the former champion jockey, started at evens. Crampon was 7 to 2 second favourite, and Queen's Tinkarika, who finished third, four lengths further behind in the field of ten, was 20 to 1.

The judge had to call for a photograph to separate Pipe of Peace, ridden by "Scobie" Breslley, and Crampon, mount of Doug Smith.

Observers took this to be a reference to the planned dispatch by the United States of nuclear weapons to other NATO members.

Sir Gordon said Pipe of Peace had given a thoroughly satisfying performance.—Reuter.

INFILTRATOR SHOT DEAD

Tel Aviv, Apr. 12. An Arab infiltrator was killed last night in the Nirim area facing the southern sector of the Gaza Strip, an Israeli Army spokesman said today.

He said the man was shot dead when a group of three infiltrators failed to answer a challenge by an Israeli patrol inside Israeli territory.

The two others escaped.—Reuter.

NAMESAKES

Answers—1. Lackland, 2. Signature, 3. Nobility, 4. England, 5. Injustices, 6. Aristocrat, 7. Charter, 8. Rannymode, 9. Kling, John.

BRITAIN'S DEFENCE SWITCH WORRIES NATO ALLIES

Bonn, Apr. 12. The United States, France, West Germany and the Benelux countries have voiced serious misgivings in the NATO Permanent Council about the British Government's White Paper on defence, usually reliable sources said today.

Britain's Atlantic Treaty Allies were worried that Britain had proposed to switch to atomic armaments without first hearing her partners' opinions, the sources said.

Another score on which they were worried was that the proposed moves would weaken the West's defensive strength, they said.

In a press conference here today the chief German Government spokesman, in answer to a question said he could not confirm reports that West Germany had protested in the NATO Council about the proposed British moves. He said it was

not usual to make public the deliberations of the NATO Council which meets in secret sessions weekly in Paris.—Reuter.

Rediffusion

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